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Wailing men, women, children beat their breasts and screamed "sorrow, sorrow..."

Iran mourns Iraq calls for peace

TEHRAN, June 5, (Agencies): Around two million hysterical mourners poured into a Tehran square today to catch a glimpse of Ayatollah Khomeini's white-shrouded body, leaving at least eight people crushed to death and more than 500 injured.

In its first official reaction to Khomeini's death, Iraq today called for a lasting peace with Iran.

Osaimi for Iran
 KUWAIT, June 5, (KUNA): State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi left here today for Tehran leading an official delegation representing HH the Amir in the funeral of late Ayatollah Khomeini.

The delegation will offer condolences of the Amir to Iranian President Ali Khamenei.

The official Al Thawra daily newspaper said in an editorial that Iraq seeks "a comprehensive and just peace based on good-neighbourly relations and non-interference in each other's affairs."

A United Nations-mediated ceasefire suspended the war last Aug 30 but UN-sponsored peace negotiations are deadlocked.

State-run Iranian television showed scores of people being carried out of the dusty square as the crowd swayed around the glass-covered, air-conditioned bier where Khomeini lay, his trademark black turban atop his chest.

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said the victims were crushed in the stampede toward the bier, while others collapsed in the 40-degree Celsius (104-Fahrenheit) heat.

The Iranian television showed victims being carried out of the square as crowds scrambled. The TV camera zoomed on a bearded, young man spraying mourners with a water hose to cool them off.

The mourners beat their chest and heads with their fists in a traditional Shiite Muslim expression of grief as they chanted "Oh Khomeini, why have you left us?"

Some scratched their faces until the blood ran and threw ashes over their clothes.

"Imam Khomeini was our great leader... nothing can ever replace him," Mohammad Mahdi, a middle-aged aircraft technician, said in English, Iranians called Khomeini their imam, or spiritual leader.

Khomeini died on Saturday of a heart attack suffered 11 days after he underwent surgery for internal bleeding. His death plunged the country into its worst political crisis since he was swept to power by the 1979 Islamic revolution.

President Ali Khamenei, 49, was appointed leader yesterday, after winning 60 votes out of 74 cast by members of an Assembly of Experts handpicked by Khomeini in the revolution's early days to handle the succession question.

Khamenei's swift appointment fills a political vacuum left by the revolutionary patriarch's death but also underscored the prevailing confusion about the future shape of Iran's leadership.

Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, wiping away tears with a white handkerchief, tried to address the mourners from the Mossalla mosque overlooking the square but quickly broke down.

"Beloved imam, this nation has shown it will not forget you, and we beg that you will not forget us either," he said.

Earlier, he told a television

Last words and will

ATHENS, June 5, (Agencies): The last words Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini uttered before he died were: "This (life) is an arduous path. Try not to sin... turn out the lights. I want to sleep."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Khomeini's daughter Zahra Mostafavi, 48, as saying the Ayatollah was unable to speak when he died shortly afterwards, in the midst of saying his night prayers.

"When unable to speak in those final moments of his life, the imam started waving his hands in prayer fashion, and we knew he was saying his prayers," Mostafavi said. "He then closed his eyes and became silent forever."

Speaking at mourning ceremonies for Khomeini in Tehran, his daughter said the imam or spiritual leader laid stress on "faith, piety and good deeds on the last days of his life."

In his last hours, she said, Khomeini called his family and two officials of his bureau and told them: "This (life) is an arduous path. Try not to sin." A while later he said: "Turn out the lights, I want to sleep."

In the political testament excerpt read by Khomeini's son at an emergency session of the Majlis, the ayatollah bitterly denounced the Shah, whom he toppled in 1979 to end a 2,500-year-old Iranian monarchy. He called the Shah and his father, Reza, "corrupt" and an "uncultured tyrant."

He also cautioned the Iranians against "plots hatched by the enemies" and the United States, which Khomeini said, was spending "many millions of dollars" on envoys to travel in the region and sow disunity.

"Now that the Islamic Republic has been founded, it is up to you to preserve it," Khomeini told his people. "And you are dutybound to strive to the best of your abilities... to preserve this system, which in such a short time has had such an important impact, and whose light, it is hoped, shall shine on all the Muslim countries, and all Muslims of the world."

Arab Times exclusive

Khamenei is too pliant

By Jadranka Porter
 Arab Times staff

FORMER Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr suggested yesterday that Ali Khamenei, a senior clergyman without rank among the grand ayatollahs, was selected for the top position in Iran because he can be easily manipulated.

Speaking to the Arab Times from his exile home in Paris Bani-Sadr said: "He was elected to do nothing." This would give a free hand to other contenders vying for power to assert their positions, he added.

But he stressed that with the succession of Khamenei, who is not a religious leader, a political system based on the rule of one spiritual leader (velayat-e faqih) has come to an end.

He predicted that Khamenei will share power with Khomeini's son Ahmad, and Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, but the tripartite rule will not survive, he said.

"People will not accept this regime because the three men were in contact with the United States and Israel during the Iran-Iraq affair and because they are associated with corruption," Bani-Sadr said.

Iranians who fought for the revolution and freedom have been ousted, he said, while those with vested interests are in power.

He singled out Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, who was the designated successor of Khomeini but was dismissed last March, as a man who remained loyal to the tenets of Islamic revolution.

Bani-Sadr said Montazeri condemned violence and criticised the government for sending in 1986 vast quantities of explosives to the Muslim holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia to disrupt what it called the imperialistic regime.

Bani-Sadr contended that Khamenei, Rafsanjani and Ahmad Khomeini will not refrain from the use of violence and terrorism because "it is through the use of force" that they gained power, he said.

The former president, who escaped from Iran in 1981, said the current regime will continue the support for the fundamentalist Hezbollah, the Shiite party based in Lebanon, only if it can maintain control of the internal situation in Iran.

"The support for Hezbollah has been one of the features of the Iranian foreign policy," he said.

Bani-Sadr dismissed the current outpouring of grief among the Iranians after the death of Khomeini as fake. "You just have to look at faces of the people to see that they don't reflect genuine sadness. The manifestation of mourning was planned and organised," he said.

His message to Iranians, he said, is fight until lasting democracy is firmly established.

interviewer: "we are confident we are able to follow in the imam's path... I am completely optimistic of the Islamic revolution's future, both in the world and this country."

Rafsanjani praised the assembly for choosing Khamenei "who is the revolution's most suitable figure for this responsibility... this is the sign we are moving correctly, the people need not worry at all."

In a gesture of respect, Rafsanjani referred to Khamenei as "ayatollah," although he is only



Bani-Sadr

a middle-ranking cleric known as "hajatolislam."

In the absence of a single personality who can match Khomeini's religious and political authority, it seems likely Iran will be ruled by a collective leadership.

Khamenei, a moderate with close ties to the wealthy merchant class, has served as Iran's head of state since 1981. He is barred by the constitution from running for a third four-year

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Iranian television showed on Sunday the late Iranian leader Khomeini on his death-bed in Tehran with his son and closest aide, Ahmad Khomeini crying over his body. (Reuters wirephoto)



An Iranian mourner is carried away from viewing the body of Khomeini as it lies in state in Tehran's Mossalla Square yesterday.

Unarmed Chinese confront soldiers

Reports of troops fighting troops

BEIJING, June 5, (Agencies): Troops guarding Beijing's main avenue of Eternal Peace took up combat positions last night amid unconfirmed accounts of clashes between Army units. Western diplomats said, and gunfire was later heard.

US President George Bush suspended government military sales with Beijing yesterday in response to the massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in China, and said the United States would provide humanitarian aid through the Red Cross.

In his first public statement on the bloodshed, Bush said in Washington: "I now call on the Chinese leadership publicly, as I have in private channels, to avoid

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violence and to return to the previous policy of restraint."

Western visitors at the Beijing Hotel, 400 yards (m) from Tiananmen Square, said this morning they could hear large explosions and small-arms fire.

One said he could see smoke from where a tank had been but could not clearly see what had happened to it.

Up to 30 tanks and 15 truckloads of soldiers took up fighting positions facing east along the avenue at the major Jianguomenwai intersection, diplomats and witnesses said.

One witness said some of these tanks later moved, with a few heading north on one of the ring roads circling the capital. She could not see how far up the road they went.

Visitors to the capital, where a student-led pro-democracy movement was put down over the weekend with at least hundreds of deaths, heard small-arms fire at the Jianguomenwai intersection.

A Western diplomat said there were unconfirmed accounts of troops fighting troops on the city outskirts.

A witness said small groups of foot soldiers took up positions along the road close to a compound where many foreign diplomats live.

Staff from several embassies



Tears run down the face of a Chinese student outside the Chinese embassy in Canberra on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

have evacuated apartments nearby, diplomats said.

Western diplomats quoted Chinese sources as saying troops and armoured vehicles were seen moving northwest towards Beijing from the city of Tianjin. The reason for the troops movement

was unclear.

About 100 trucks and armoured personnel carriers were apparently abandoned by troops in the western section of the capital and set afire by residents yesterday.

Western diplomats said this

appeared to be evidence of at least passive resistance by parts of the military to the suppression of pro-democracy protests.

Westerners in the central city of Xian quoted Chinese witnesses as saying tens of thousands of

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Dare to die

BEIJING, June 5, (Reuters): Angry citizens of Beijing are fighting against tanks and machine-guns with medieval weapons, fists and a courage that defies belief.

Many are not merely risking their lives, but seem to be offering their bodies to bullets as if in some ritual blood sacrifice.

When the People's Liberation Army stormed into central Beijing in the early hours of Sunday, it seemed terror would silence all opposition. Instead, crowds including old ladies and courting couples poured out of their homes to chant "bandits" at the troops.

On Tiananmen Square, members of the "Dare-to-die Brigade" — young single workers who had pledged to defend student demonstrators to the death — armed themselves with puny clubs and rocks on Saturday night before troops turned the area into a killing field.

Witnesses saw a busload of protesters charging towards the square, even after the troop invasion, saying they intended to rescue the injured. Under heavy machine-gun fire, the bus finally ground to a halt riddled with bullets.

Two days later, the people keep coming. A Western witness described hundreds of defiant cyclists repeatedly edging towards the soldiers and tanks occupying the square on Monday chanting "animals, animals," despite bursts of gunfire which felled several.

When troops later advanced in a bid to clear the Avenue of Eternal Peace of angry citizens, a lone man emerged from bushes and stood with arms outstretched before the advancing tank muzzles, at the last moment leaping onto the snout of one.

He was dragged off by soldiers into a sidestreet and did not re-emerge.

Further to the east, yards from Beijing's main diplomatic quarter, demonstrators repeatedly dashed out to rebuild flimsy roadblocks crushed by tanks, braving sporadic bursts of machine-gun fire.

Others cycled cheekily within 30 feet (10 metres) of the end of the military convoys.

According to Chinese witnesses, a mob in southwest Beijing lynched an Army officer and left his corpse hanging from a bridge. There have also been cases of students sheltering captured soldiers from the wrath of other citizens.

But mainly the hatred of troops has brought a solidarity. "There has never been a unity among Beijing people as there is now," said one old man.

"We cannot cry any more. It is too evil for tears," said a young woman shortly after troops shot two people dead near her home.

"We can only fight and try to tell the world."

Soldiers laughed as they killed Tiananmen crowds: witness

PEKING, June 5, (Reuters): Soldiers laughed as they raked crowds of students and onlookers with machine-gun fire in central Beijing's Tiananmen Square on Sunday morning, one student who survived said on Monday.

Weeping and shaking with emotion, he said terrorism was the only option left to overcome the "fascist" government of top leader Deng Xiaoping.

The official account says there were some civilian deaths during the push into

central Beijing, but that no one was killed when the troops entered the square.

Officials say most people in the square left after an initial broadcast ordering them to go, and the rest left after a second warning.

This version conflicts absolutely with that of students and other witnesses who said troops entered soon after the second warning, not giving enough time to the thousands still in the square to escape.

The student said there were 6,000 to

7,000 students left on the square when the Army moved in at about 5 am.

Just before, under a truce negotiated between military commanders and Taiwan singer Hou Dejian who was on a fast in Tiananmen, 4,000 to 5,000 students left the square to the southeast, the student said.

The student, who had spent three days and nights at the square, was at the rear of the group which left and saw the soldiers entering at the north and western end.

"They fired first above the heads and then at the head," he said. "They were laughing wildly as if it was not serious."

"I cannot estimate how many died," he said, shaking as tears rolled down his cheeks.

"At first, the students did not agree to Hou's request that they leave. Hou repeated it and 70 per cent agreed to go. Hong Kong students said they wanted to die there, but I told them to leave and tell the world what had happened."

Soviets in mourning for rail crash victims

Scores die in 'whirlwind of fire'

MOSCOW, June 5, (Agencies): A somber President Mikhail Gorbachev declared today a day of national mourning for the hundreds killed and injured by the gas pipeline-train disaster on the Trans-Siberian Railway, and he blamed the tragedy on mismanagement.

The Tass news agency said fewer than 400 of the more than 1,200 passengers believed aboard the two trains had been accounted for almost 24 hours after the accident before dawn yesterday, 940 miles (1,500 km) southeast of Moscow in the Ural Mountains. Tass said the 400 figure included dead and wounded.

There was no indication if the bulk of the missing 800 passengers were dead, trapped in the trains, injured or simply left the scene, but Soviet

television indicated many were either dead or injured. Gorbachev led a delegation of senior Communist Party and government officials to the disaster scene and promptly declared today a day of national mourning.

The Soviet Army chief of staff said today more than 460 people were either killed or missing.

The preliminary figure given by General Mikhail Moiseyev was the first official death toll to emerge from the weekend tragedy.

Gas from a leaking pipeline exploded, blasting and burning two passenger trains on the railway in an inferno more than two km (more than a mile) long.

In an interview with Soviet radio and television, Gorbachev promised a full investigation into the accident and said "mismanagement" and "lack of organisation" were to blame for the tragedy.

The pipeline was located a kilometre (about half a mile) from the railway. Three hours before the accident someone noticed the pressure in the line had dropped but instead of investigating the cause, pumped more gas in, Gorbachev said.

"We will have to draw grim lessons from this," he said.

"There will be no progress in this country if we have such laxness which leads to tragedies, both human and economic," he said.

"It was hard to bear, the impression was very painful. But the main thing now is to help those who survived and need help," a grim Gorbachev said while touring the scene.

The explosion, caused by a leak in the liquefied gas pipeline that runs from the Western Siberian fields to European Russia, blew out windows some eight miles (13 km) away in the town of Asha, the television report said. A forest fire raged a day after the explosion.

"The soldiers are searching through the forest and the mountains in the hope of finding some passengers who might have escaped from the whirlwind of fire," Tass said in a dispatch from the disaster scene.

The evening news programme "Vremya" showed film of the disaster scene — a landscape of charred grass and trees and blackened, twisted carriages lying on their sides with no sign of life.

"The exact figure of casualties is not known, but they are counted in the hundreds and hundreds," the announcer said.

A local Communist Party official in the regional centre of Chelyabinsk said "scores" of people, including school children, had died in the inferno, and he feared the death toll would be in the hundreds.

The official, Anatoly Zikov, said many bodies were burned beyond recognition. "There is nothing left to bury," Zikov said.

A solemn Gorbachev, described the disaster area to the Soviet parliament, many of whose members appeared to be on the verge of tears.

"Five hundred and eighty people were alive, but some of them were in grave condition, and some of them died during the day yesterday," Gorbachev said.

"It was a great loss of life, several hundred people were killed," he said, adding that it was even more tragic because many of the victims were children who had been heading to a holiday camp.

The blackened faces of young survivors were shown on Soviet television as they were rushed to hospital, some of them bandaged from head to toe.

A Chelyabinsk journalist, who asked that his name not be used, said at least 100 injured survivors had died yesterday. He quoted doctors as saying the death toll was approaching 800.

Zikov said the accident occurred as the two trains, No. 211 heading from the Siberian town of Novosibirsk to the Black Sea resort of Adler, and No. 212, Adler to Novosibirsk, were within 300 yards of each other travelling in opposite directions.

More Turks deported

EDIRNE, Turkey, June 5, (AP): A group of 145 ethnic Turks who had been protesting oppression as a minority in Bulgaria were deported to Turkey yesterday, authorities said.

An official at the Kapikule border gate said the ethnic Turks were deported in a five-car Bulgarian train.

Two other groups of ethnic Turks, 98 people who had been transported to the border on Bulgarian buses, entered Turkey through the Kapikule and Derekoy border gates, the state television reported.

The semi-official Anatolia news agency said another group of 85 ethnic Turks deported to Vienna, were flown to Turkey aboard a special Turkish Airlines jetliner yesterday.



Searching wreckage

Rescue workers search through the wreckage after a gas explosion destroyed two trains. (Reuter wirephoto)

India may reject call for pullout

NEW DELHI, June 5, (Reuter): India is likely to tell Sri Lanka it cannot meet its demand to withdraw 45,000 of its troops from the island by the end of next month, official Indian sources said today.

They said a timetable for the pullout would be the key issue in talks today between Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary Bernard Tilakaratne and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

They held out little chance of India agreeing to the request of Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa for a complete pullout of troops by the end of July.

The troops were sent to Sri Lanka under an accord signed in 1987 by Rajiv and Premadasa's predecessor Junius Jayewardene. It was aimed at ending a Tamil separatist campaign in island's Northern and Eastern Provinces.

"Mr Premadasa's demand goes against the spirit of the accord and anyway it is (logistically) impossible to de-induct the troops by July 29," said a senior External Affairs Ministry official.

A Sri Lankan diplomatic source said Tilakaratne, a former high commissioner to India, is carrying a message to Rajiv from Premadasa who made his surprise deadline call last week.

Another obstacle to a withdrawal is what India sees as unsatisfactory devolution of powers from Colombo to an elected provincial council ruling the Tamil-dominated areas of the island's north and east, the sources said.

Gorbachev appeals for calm

Ethnic violence flares

MOSCOW, June 5, (Agencies): At least two people have been killed and 100 injured in an explosion of ethnic violence in a remote valley in Uzbekistan in Soviet Central Asia, Estonian Radio said today.

An official at the Communist Party youth organisation Komsomol in the nearby town of Fergana said clashes between Uzbeks and members of the Meskhetian minority were continuing today but he could not confirm the death toll.

"What kind of information do you want? They are shooting in the streets," the Komsomol official said.

"The night was a turbulent one," another official at Communist Party regional headquarters in Fergana, southeast of the Uzbek capital of Tashkent, said.

Estonian Radio, quoting sources in Tashkent, said at least two people and possibly three died as a result of clashes which began on Saturday in a village an hour's flight from Fergana and then spread to the regional capital.

According to unofficial figures, another 100 or so had been hurt, the radio said.

The official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday that a number of people had died in two days of ethnic unrest and said Interior Ministry troops had been sent to the region to help police maintain order.

The party official in Fergana said Uzbeks had initiated most of the attacks in areas where large numbers of Meskhetians lived. Josef Stalin forcibly deported large numbers of Meskhetians, a Turkic minority, from the Transcaucasian republic of Georgia to Central Asia during World War Two.

There are believed to be about 100,000 Meskhetians.

They appealed to Soviet authorities during the 1930s to be

allowed to emigrate to Turkey. The 1979 Soviet census lists more than 92,000 "Turks" — a probable reference to Meskhetians.

The Soviet Congress today appealed for an end to bloodshed in Uzbekistan.

"We, people's deputies of the USSR, call upon those involved in ethnic clashes to turn to the voice of reason and stop the bloodshed," said the appeal read to the Congress of People's Deputies by President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Think about all the innocents who are threatened — women, children and old people. And stop, prevent injustice from being committed," it said.

The appeal was broadcast live to the nation as part of the

inaugural proceedings of the new Congress.

A deputy from the Fergana valley area said in an interview before today's session that he had been told "thousands and thousands of homes are burning" in his home city of Fergana.

Tass reported yesterday that tension remained high in Nagorno-Karabakh.

A strike since early May has halted most business activity in the territory, which is populated mainly by Armenians but was assigned to neighbouring Azerbaijan in 1923.

Nagorno-Karabakh's leaders have repeatedly demanded since last year to be joined with Soviet Armenia and 91 people have died in clashes over the territory.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

STE. MERE EGLISE, France: In brilliant sunshine and a stiff wind, hundreds of American paratroopers floated onto a field near this Normandy village Sunday to commemorate the jump made by the first allied troops to touch French soil on D-Day 45 years ago.

Thousands of people gazed into the sky as eight C-130 transport planes circled overhead about 10:30 am (0830 GMT) and 450 members of the 82nd Airborne from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry of Vincenza, Italy, tumbled from planes.

The demonstration jump was nothing compared to the one made in the pre-dawn darkness of June 6, 1944, when about 1,500 American paratroopers jumped behind enemy lines a few hours before the start of the airborne assault that was the beginning of the end of Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany.

"You could see the ground fire coming up on the paratroopers from the Germans in Ste. Mere, red burning tracers tearing through the air. The men were clearly visible, their parachutes shining in the moonlight," recalled retired Army Maj. Lewis Allen, who jumped in with the Pathfinders about 30 minutes ahead of the other paratroopers on D-Day (Disembarkation Day). (AP)

LONDON: Dustin Hoffman heard cheers for his British stage debut as Shylock in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

But while he won approval from the opening-night audience in London's Phoenix theatre, the critics gave him mixed reviews.

"In side curls and skullcap, Hoffman gave Shylock humour, a passion for revenge and a tortured dignity when he loses all. It was a far cry from Raymond Babbitt, the autistic savant he plays in his current hit film 'Rain Man'." wrote Reg Evans Friday of the British domestic news agency press association.

The Times of London's Irving Wardle was less enthusiastic: "All the clamorous hype and slandering expectation is a poor preparation for the modest Shylock who arrived on the Phoenix stage last night."

Lester Middlehurst, in the Tabloid today, found Hoffman's Shylock "fascinating." (AP)

MIAMI BEACH, Florida: Jewish survivors of the "voyage of the damned" marked the 50th anniversary of their failed escape from Nazi Germany on Sunday by sinking Adolf Hitler's yacht at the spot where America turned them away.

Twenty-seven survivors of the 1939 voyage, dozens of Holocaust survivors and others looked on from a small cruise ship as the skeletal remains of the Ostwind were sunk three miles (five kms) off Miami Beach.

At the same spot on June 4, 1939, the SS St. Louis was turned away from the Florida coast and headed back to Europe with more than 930 Jewish refugees. Many of the passengers died in Nazi concentration camps.

"If only they let us in 50 years ago, it would have changed so many lives. It would have changed so many things," said voyage survivor Liane Reif-Leher.

"People do not want to forget the tragedy of the Holocaust. Fifty years is not a long time when you think of the scars," said Miami Beach City commissioner Abe Resnick, a Holocaust survivor. (AP)

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Four paintings by Russian-born artist Marc Chagall were sold at auction for prices ranging from \$253,000 to \$385,000, an official says.

"For late works of Chagall, these are very high prices. Usually, you would get these kind of sums for really important early works. It shows that the demand is very strong," Rifka Saker, co-director of Sotheby's Tel Aviv, said Thursday.

Chagall's "Self-portrait with Flowers," painted in 1969, sold for \$385,000. The oil painting shows Chagall sitting in his studio.

Another oil, "Green Cockerel with Lovers over Paris," sold for \$253,000. Painted around 1950, it shows two lovers in front of the Eiffel Tower.

A second self-portrait, "Artist Painting the Lovers," brought \$308,000. The water colour, painted in 1961, shows Chagall sitting on a chair, at work with palette and brush.

The 1979 water colour "Lovers with Flowers," sold for \$264,000. (AP)



Nancy: insights

WASHINGTON: Nancy Reagan says there were things she "longed to say" during her tumultuous eight years at the White House that she promises will appear in her upcoming memoirs, "My Turn."

The former first lady, speaking publicly in Washington for the first time since she and former President Ronald Reagan left for California more than four months ago, offered a few insights Saturday into her old and new lives at a Library of Congress and Randon House forum on first ladies.

Nancy said that while there is "a certain dignity" to remaining quiet, she decided to write a book for her own peace of mind, for her children and to help set the historical record straight.

"I felt I could start rebuilding a private life by writing about some things," she said.

But the former first lady said she realizes "there's a fine line you have to walk. You step on one side, and you sound offensive. You step on the other side, and you sound like you're trying to get even. I hope I've avoided those pitfalls."

Looking back on it all, Nancy told the audience that although the position of first lady offers a tremendous platform, "ironically, in some ways, a first lady loses her freedom of speech." (AP)

ROME: Emanuele Olmi has been named best director and his film, *La Leggenda Del Santo Bevitore* (The legend of the holy drinker) has won the David of Donatello award for best film in Italy's version of the academy awards.

The film, based on the story by Joseph Roth, also won for best photography in the awards given Saturday night.

Dustin Hoffman was named best actor in a foreign film for his role in *Rain Man*, the film by Barry Levinson that also won best foreign film. Jodie Foster was named best actress in a foreign film for her role in *Accused*.

Roberto Benigni won best actor in an Italian film for his role in *Il Piccolo Diavolo* (The Little Devil) and Stefania Sandrelli was named best actress in *Mignon E' Paruta* (Mignon has left).

In the foreign film category, John Cusack of Britain won best original screen play for *A Fish Called Wanda* and Pedro Almodovar of Spain won best director for his *Matrimonio A Un Cris de Nervios* (Women on the verge of a nervous breakdown). (AP)

GENEVA: International conservation groups have called for an immediate ban on world trade in ivory to protect the African elephant.

The ban will be virtually extinct within 50 years at the present rate of killings, according to the World Conservation Union and the World Wildlife Fund for Nature, formerly known as the World Wildlife Fund.

Charles de Haes, director-general of the fund, urged governments Thursday to outlaw ivory imports immediately. Otherwise, the slaughter of elephants increases dramatically as poachers try to sell as much ivory as possible before anticipated agreement on an international trade ban in October, he said.

Japan and Hong Kong account for most ivory imports, De Haes said. Only 625,000 elephants remain in Africa, half the level of 10 years ago, the organisations said. (AP)

CHATTSWORTH, Georgia: Ninth-grader Kevin Woolen's perfect attendance at school this year earned a dividend on the last day of class: a new car. The problem is he is too young to drive.

Murray County High School principal Mickey McNeill announced early in the school year that students with perfect attendance each month would have a chance at winning a car at year's end.

Those who missed no school all year got nine extra chances at winning. Woolen got the keys to a new Chevrolet Sprint Metro to kick off his summer vacation, thanks to contributions from businesspeople, individuals and a Chevrolet dealer.

But Woolen will not be old enough to drive the car until he reaches the age of 16 in September. (AP)

Protest disrupts AIDS meeting

MONTREAL, June 5, (Agencies): Protesters who issued a "Declaration of Rights" for AIDS patients yesterday disrupted the opening of the 5th International AIDS Conference but at first were warmly received by the 10,000 invited delegates.

About 150 AIDS activists from the United States and Canada seized the stage prior to opening ceremonies and read a statement they dubbed the "Montreal Manifesto."

The declaration, which among other things opposes mandatory testing for the AIDS virus and any quarantine of infected people, was greeted with applause by many of the conference's 10,000 delegates.

A standing ovation also was given to the protesters when they left the stage bearing signs reading, "The world is sick of AIDS hysteria," and other slogans.

Enthusiasm for the demonstration waned when a few dozen members of New York's AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power seized chairs reserved for delegates and refused to give them up. The start of the conference was delayed more than an hour until the seating dispute was resolved.

A member of the National Association of People with AIDS said she agreed with the protesters' concerns, but deplored their disruptive tactics. "Things like this will make (medical and government officials) not take us seriously," said the woman, who requested anonymity.

Infected

The World Health Organisation estimates five to 10 million people are now infected with the AIDS virus and predicts that if current trends continue, that number could triple by the year 2000.

In the eight years since the AIDS virus was first reported in the United States, the number of reported cases of the fatal disease is nearing the 100,000 mark, with more than 55,000 deaths.

US health officials still are uncertain how many Americans may be harbouring the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes AIDS. Their best guess is between one million and 1.5 million people infected with the virus have not yet shown clinical signs of the disease.

Nine times more people will become infected with the AIDS virus during the 1990s than caught the lethal virus during the 1980s, a leading health official predicted yesterday.

"We expect that the decade of the 1990s will be worse — and perhaps much worse — than the 1980s," said Dr Jonathan M. Mann, director of the World Health Organisation's AIDS programme.

But in its latest assessment of the spread of AIDS in America, the US Centres for Disease Control said the rate of spread appears stable and not on a rapid rise throughout the entire American population.

But AIDS cases "are expected to continue to increase, reflecting the lengthy interval (up to 10 years) between infection and onset of AIDS," the CDC assessment said.

"The epidemic is still dynamic," Mann said. "It has not plateaued. It is continuing to spread in parts of the world where it already exists" and is moving into new areas.

Campaign

In the meeting's keynote address, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda called for a world-wide campaign to halt the deadly spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Kaunda, whose African nation has been hard hit by the disease and who lost a son to AIDS in 1986, repeatedly emphasized AIDS is a disease that must be actively fought.

Kaunda urged world powers to divert the money they are spending on nuclear weapons to AIDS research. "A cure has to be found at any price," Kaunda said.

The stated theme of the Montreal conference is "The Scientific and Social Challenge" of AIDS, and the gathering will try to put research into the social dilemma of AIDS on equal footing with biomedical work.

About one-third of the 5,500 research presentations will deal with social, psychological or public health issues. In fact, it is a human dimension of the AIDS epidemic that has drawn most of the attention in advance of this year's conference.

Dr Peter Drotman, a medical epidemiologist with the CDC's AIDS programme said educational programmes have virtually put to rest a number of fears about AIDS that were rampant among the general public a few years ago.

Broadway honours its finest
Tony Awards presented

NEW YORK, June 5, (Reuters): Broadway reached back to its glorious past on last night as a compilation of hits musicals and a jazz-age revue swept theatre's Tony Awards.

"Jerome Robbins' Broadway," a collection of the 70-year-old choreographer's work featuring numbers from Broadway hits including "Fiddler on the Roof," "Gypsy," "West Side Story" and "The King and I" danced away with six of the prestigious awards.

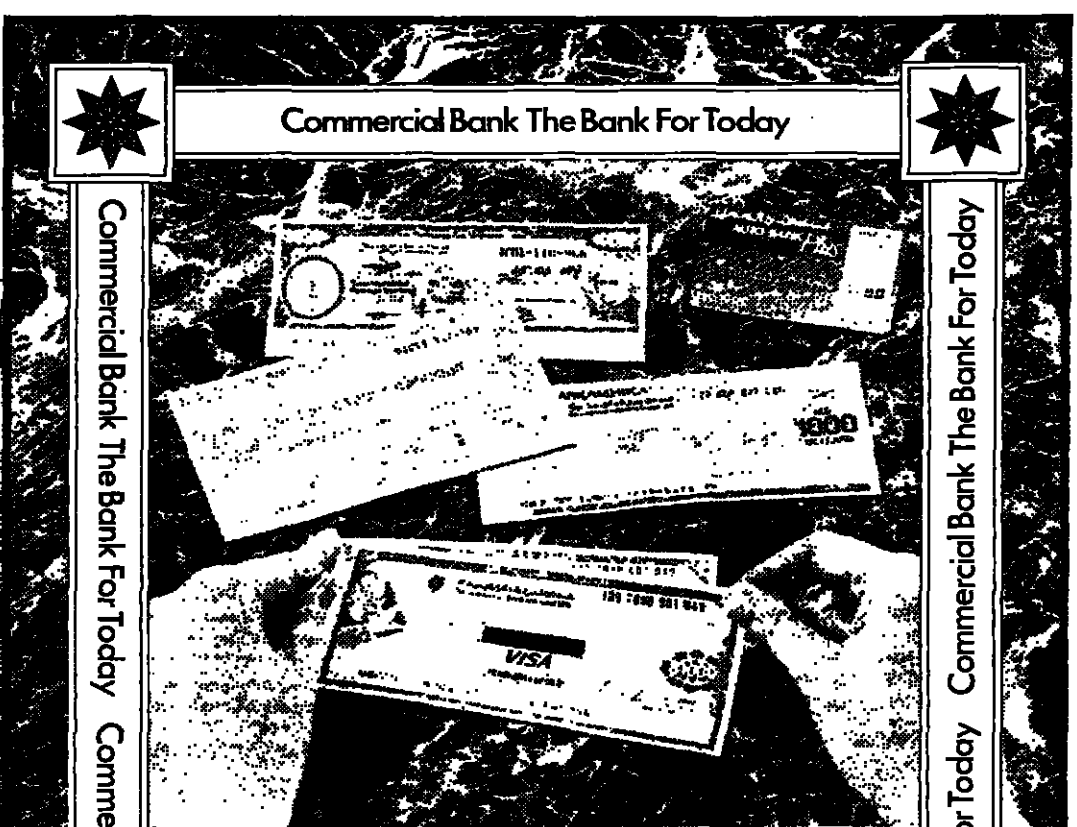
Robbins, adding to a collection of movie and theatre's highest awards, was named best musical director while the show, a box-office hit, won awards for best musical, best actor in a musical, best

featured male and female performers and best lighting.

"Black and Blue," a revue of classic blues, jazz and tap dancing from Broadway's jazz age snared three of the awards.

In one of the evening's emotional highlights, the show's Ruth Brown, whose rocky career took her from a 1950s blues hit called "Mamma He Treats your Daughter Mean" to the unemployment lines before she climbed back, accepted the award for best actress by saying:

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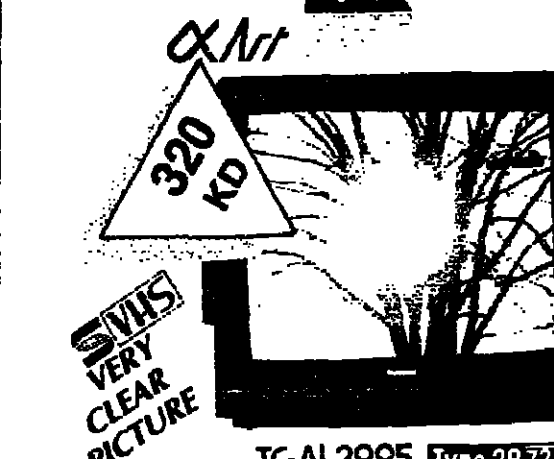
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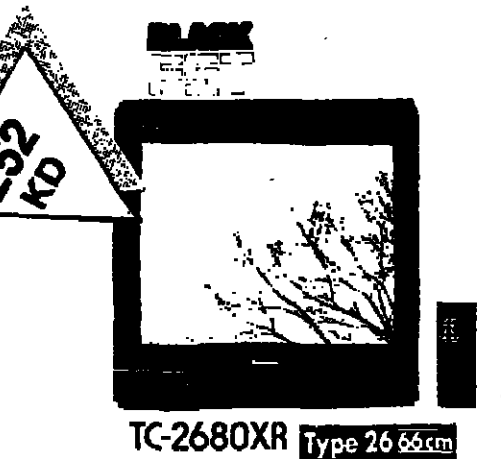
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Polish communists concede total defeat

Pledge to stand by democracy

WARSAW, June 5. (Reuters): The Communist Party conceded overwhelming defeat by Solidarity today in Poland's parliamentary elections but pledged to stick to the path of democratic reforms.

Party spokesman Jan Bisztyga, speaking after Solidarity claimed it had virtually swept the board in the seats it contested, said the free trade union had won a "decisive majority."

"I want to state that we are consistent... we shall not leave the road of democracy and reform," Bisztyga said on state television.

Partial results from yesterday's voting in Poland's first partly-free elections in four decades showed that voters humiliated the ruling Communist Party and sowed the seeds of a possible political crisis.



Poles applaud as unofficial results showing big wins for the Solidarity free trade union in Sunday's elections in Poland are posted outside of the union's Warsaw election headquarters. (Reuters wirephoto)

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa urged his supporters to tone down their excitement at the victory for fear of upsetting a reform process agreed by the government and opposition two months ago.

"The elections should not divide us," Walesa declared. Bisztyga said the results raised the question of responsibility for Poland's stability. He repeated calls by Communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski for Solidarity to join a grand post-election coalition with the Communists and their allies.

"In the light of the elections there looms the problems of responsibility for the Polish state," Bisztyga said. "Somebody must be responsible for its stability."

"In consequence of the elections, the opposition must shoulder co-responsibility for the state," General Jaruzelski has already proposed a post-election coalition.

Solidarity aides have repeatedly rejected Jaruzelski's proposal despite the union's readiness to collaborate with the government's reform programme.

Bronislaw Geremek, the union's top policy-maker, again turned down the proposal shortly before Bisztyga spoke.

"Solidarity has many times said it was part of the opposition and will remain so," he told a news conference.

"It is the first social victory over communism," said Jan Litynski, a chief of the Solidarity election office in the capital, as reports of landslide Solidarity victories came in from throughout the country.

"This is the first time the public has expressed its will in such a clear and meaningful way," Litynski said.

"The authorities now have to seek a change of the system and it will finally be replaced in an evolutionary manner."

In Warsaw, a crowd gathered outside the Solidarity office, where early unofficial results from the capital were posted in the window.

With 72 of 1,253 voting stations reporting, Solidarity candidates for the three Senate seats from Warsaw led easily. The Solidarity tallies showed all had obtained more than 70 per cent of the valid votes cast.

The numbers were similar in races for the Sejm, where the 161 Solidarity candidates permitted faced opposition from other non-party independents but no ruling party candidates. Some of the independents are government supporters.

In the southern city of Krakow, with about half the precincts reporting, Solidarity's Senate candidates led all others for the two seats, drawing 83 per cent and 74 per cent of the vote, the Solidarity campaign said.

In a highlands district near Krakow with 62 per cent of precincts reporting, the Solidarity candidates for the Senate had 82 per cent and 75 per cent of the vote, the campaign said.

In Wroclaw in the industrial southwest, the entire Solidarity slate appeared assured with four-fifths of the vote tallied and the candidates earning a minimum of 65 per cent of the vote.

Agreement in Namibia

WINDHOEK, Namibia, June 5. (AP): South African and UN officials have reached a tentative agreement that would clear the way for more than 40,000 Namibian refugees to begin returning home next week, officials said today.

The South African-appointed administrator of Namibia, Louis Pienaar, and the UN representative to Namibia, Martti Ahtisaari, reached the agreements last week, according to spokesmen for the two men.

South African President P.W. Botha must now sign the legislation.

Mandela release agreement denied

JOHANNESBURG, June 5. (Reuters): F.W. de Klerk, South Africa's prospective president, has categorically denied any agreement with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the release of jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela.

British newspapers said yesterday a secret deal was afoot between the two leaders to free the 70-year-old African National Congress (ANC) activist, without Pretoria's long-demanded condition that he renounce violence.



Unarmed Chinese citizens (bottom) face Chinese Army troops (centre) backed by tanks. (Reuters wirephoto)

Unarmed Chinese

(Continued from Page 1)

students and workers took to the streets and many stopped 30 armoured personnel carriers and trucks about 20 km (12 miles) east of the city.

Buses were parked across streets to form barricades within the city wall and along the outskirts of the city, a witness said.

Witnesses reported large demonstrations in other major cities, with traffic in Shanghai and Nanking completely stalled and the vital north-south rail link blocked for hours for a second day at Wuhan.

In the capital, troops fired indiscriminately at incensed crowds of unarmed residents. Many people braved death to protest against the actions of those they called their fascist leaders.

People in many areas burned military vehicles in retaliation. One foreign witness reported seeing a military officer who had been apparently been burned alive hanging from a gutted bus in western Beijing.

The government continued to insist that Sunday's dawn attack by troops on pro-democracy students encamped in Tiananmen Square in central Beijing had been necessary to squash "counter-revolutionary riots."

Beijing city radio's evening broadcast said that not one person was killed in the square, directly contradicting reports by many witnesses of a bloodbath.

The government has officially admitted some civilians died during the push into central Beijing and has said more than a thousand soldiers were killed or injured.

"This is more fascist than fascism," said one witness near the Beijing Hotel as troops continued to fire towards citizens.

Estimates of the number of casualties in the military assault on the Chinese capital on orders from Communist Party hardliners led by senior leader Deng Xiaoping and hardline Premier Li Peng continued to proliferate with no possibility of confirmation.

One western diplomat said he believed more than 1,000 had been killed. Students said many more were killed, Beijing Tele-

vision on Sunday night denied what it said was a rumour that 3,000 had died in the attack on the square.

Radio Beijing announced that a total of 391 vehicles, including police and military vehicles, had been destroyed as of 2 am on Monday.

Western diplomats said the government was apparently still paralysed by a power struggle, and many Chinese citizens said they were hoping for intervention by military units opposed to the brutal crackdown of Beijing.

"If Deng, Li Peng and (President) Yang Shangkun aren't thrown out, there will be more bloodshed and deaths," said a student at Beijing's Qinghua University standing in front of a makeshift altar to the dead.

"After this tragedy people cannot restrain themselves any more," he added.

There were scenes of extraordinary courage in many parts of Beijing as unarmed citizens confronted troops who had already

proved themselves willing to shoot to kill.

In the northwest of the city, students on the campuses that were the birthplace of the student movement, which sparked the current crisis, said they feared troops would soon move in to enforce martial law.

"If the tanks come, they (the students) will fight them to the death," said a teacher.

A Chinese military source said there was fighting between military groups around the Nan-yuan military air base south of Beijing yesterday. He said the fighting was serious but could not give details.

Residents living near the restricted air base said they had seen a steady stream of planes landing and taking off but had not seen or heard fighting.

Artillery shelling was also heard in a far northwest suburb of the city.

Chinese sources said the People's Liberation Army was deeply split over the government decision to declare martial law

and send troops into Beijing. The 30th Army, around Beijing, reportedly refused to advance against the city.

The military source said the 38th has been ordered to take over from the 27th Army, responsible for attacks on pro-democracy demonstrators that began Saturday. It was not clear whether the 38th Army was obeying the order.

The US and other embassies began providing shelter for foreign students at Chinese universities. A US embassy official said about 20 of the 400 to 500 US students and teachers relocated at hotels near the embassy.

Speaking with reporters at the White House, Bush deplored the decision by the Chinese to use force. "I can't explain it," Bush said. "I condemn it. I can't explain why the Chinese Army opened fire and rolled through the streets in tanks, cutting a path of death and terror."

Bush, who served as the top envoy to China more than a decade ago, said the US would like to maintain good relations with China, but also has a "commitment to democracy."

As part of that commitment, Bush announced a suspension of all government to government military sales between the US and China, and commercial export of weapons as well as a halt to visits between the two nations by top government officials.

In addition, Bush said the US would provide a "sympathetic review" to any Chinese student in this country who would like to stay. He said the US would provide "humanitarian aid" to victims of the violence through the International Red Cross.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe summoned a senior Chinese diplomat yesterday to register Britain's concerns about the weekend killings in Beijing, the Foreign Office said.

Also yesterday, rank-and-file British legislators and commentators urged UK to suspend or scrap its agreement to hand over the British colony of Hong Kong to China in 1997.

A CBS news correspondent and his cameraman were released from the custody.



Angry Chinese protest the government's suppression of demonstrations in front of the Chinese consulate in San Francisco. (Reuters wirephoto)

Size of army in Beijing raises questions

Leaders fear coup attempt

BEIJING, June 5. (Reuters): An enormous show of force by the Chinese Army in Beijing after the crushing of peaceful student demonstrations yesterday has led foreign analysts to suspect that China's leaders fear a coup attempt.

As central Beijing descended further into chaos today, diplomats admitted it was almost impossible to analyse the turmoil in the streets and the leadership power struggle behind the scenes.

Why are hundreds of tanks and armoured troop carriers and thousands of troops concentrated in the heart of Beijing?

Why did tanks tear up and down Beijing's main avenue of Eternal Peace and troops fire at random at unarmed people, while other units deserted their vehicles, allowing crowds to set them on fire?

Residents near the city railway station reported seeing large numbers of trains arriving overnight, possibly bringing in troop reinforcements.

More than 70 tanks and armoured troop carriers were seen moving in the early hours towards Tiananmen Square where a day earlier troops firing at random ended weeks of occupation by thousands of pro-democracy students with heavy loss of life.

"This is too much force to control

civilians. It is more suitable for fighting another army," said a foreign diplomat.

"Perhaps the old leaders are worried about an attack by other military units," said a second diplomat. "But none of it makes sense. None of it can be explained in terms of rational behaviour."

Western military experts said there were deep divisions within the Army leadership over the remorseless use of force to suppress the student-led democracy movement.

Diplomats did not rule out the possibility of a coup attempt by disaffected generals after the slaughter of an unknown number of demonstrators yesterday.

Unconfirmed accounts swept the city of troops fighting troops on the outskirts of Beijing.

Twenty tanks and 15 truckloads of soldiers took up combat positions tonight at a major intersection on the city's main thoroughfare facing East, eyewitnesses said.

Troops and armour were said by reliable Western sources to be approaching Beijing westwards from Tianjin.

Newspapers were not delivered. Newsreaders did not read the scheduled evening television news. China's top leaders were not seen in public.

A senior Western diplomat said Chinese

medical sources had revealed that 84-year-old senior leader Deng Xiaoping was seriously ill in hospital.

Nothing has been seen or heard of Deng since May 16 when he met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Diplomats and Chinese journalists believed President Yang Shangkun was behind the bloody crackdown in the apparent absence of Deng who is head of the Communist Party's central military commission.

Party general secretary Zhao Ziyang is Deng's number two in the commission but the 69-year-old reformist is believed to have been removed from power. He is treated in the official media as a non-person.

Yang, an 82-year-old general, is next in line in the military hierarchy.

How many people were shot dead or crushed by armoured vehicles yesterday will probably never be known. Judging by eyewitness accounts of the attack of Tiananmen and shooting around the city for more than eight hours, as well as statements by doctors, deaths run at least into the hundreds.

Diplomats say it was possible more than 1,000 people were killed.

Beijing killings deplored: talks off

TOKYO, June 5. (Agencies): The slaughter in Beijing brought expressions of sadness and outrage from governments, leaders and organisations worldwide.

The European Commission cancelled ministerial talks with the Chinese government scheduled for today in protest over what it called the brutal repression of the people of Beijing by the Army.

The commission, executive body of the European Economic Community, said in a statement it was dismayed and shocked to learn of the Army move against protesting students over the weekend in which diplomats in Beijing said more than 1,000 may have died.

"It deplores the brutal repression of the people of Beijing, so sorely tried. It recalls that the co-operation between China and the community can only suffer as a result..." the statement said.

Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Zheang Tuobin had been set to chair a meeting of the EEC-China joint committee on economic and trade relations.

The statement said relations between the community and China risked being permanently affected if the government started on a course putting at risk the policy of openness and reform followed until now.

Saying that more than 1,000 unarmed civilians had been shot down in Beijing, it appealed to the Chinese authorities to ensure the security of European citizens.

British Premier Margaret Thatcher will come under pressure in the House of Commons to review arrangements for handing over Hong Kong to China in 1997, it was reported in London today.

Although some of the arrangements have been put on ice over the past few days, it seems that Hong Kong will be handed over in 1997 under the agreement signed in 1984 by Britain and China, and the expiry of the treaty, which, annexed Hong Kong to Britain nearly one hundred years ago, British officials said.

Later this week, the House of Commons foreign affairs committee will discuss the future of Hong Kong, when the colony's Governor Sir David Wilson is due to give evidence.

Meanwhile, it was revealed in London that the planned six-day visit to China by the Prince and Princess of Wales was today being kept under review following the Army's action there.

Buckingham Palace was making no statement about the visit, due in November.

In Hong Kong a jittery stock market went into freefall on fears of continuing turmoil in China.

Hong Kong's leading blue chip indicator fell 21.7 per cent today and one broker said: "It's all become Mickey Mouse numbers now. I don't expect any significant rebound till we find out who's in charge in Beijing."

The Hang Seng index of blue chips lost 590.09 points in the morning session closing at 2,085.29.

Both the stock market and an emergency session of the Hong Kong legislature and Executive Council observed a one minute silence for those killed on Sunday.

Many Hong Kong residents with Bank of China accounts protested with their cheque books and withdrew all their cash. A bank official said it was the largest flood of withdrawals he had seen in 10 years but could not estimate the amount taken out.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke today cancelled a proposed visit to China to underline his government's "deep distress" at the bloody crackdown.

Hawke said in a television interview yesterday he "deeply deplored" what had happened in China.

In Ottawa, Canada's External Affairs Minister Joe Clark in a tough statement said: "We can only express horror and outrage at the senseless violence and the tragic loss of life resulting from the indiscriminate and brutal use of force against the students and citizens of Beijing."

"The actions of the Chinese military are inexcusable."

Philippine President Corason Aquino said she was "very sad" at the violence and called for talks between Chinese leaders and students to end the fighting.

In New Delhi, exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama mourned the protesters and said China's leaders had failed to recognise the true feelings of the people.

French President Francois Mitterrand said late yesterday: "A regime which is reduced to firing on its youth to survive, when the youth it has educated rises up in the name of freedom, has no future."

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Wildlife in danger on Filipino island

PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines, June 5. (AP): A white-breasted sea eagle can be bought for less than \$100 in this city's bustling market. A talking mynah bird can be had for only \$30.

Unrestrained trading in rare wildlife is one of many problems conservationists face as they struggle to save Palawan province, the Philippines' last environmental frontier.

Mountains run the length of the province's main island, on which are found 232 — or one-fifth — of all the country's wildlife species, environmentalists say.

Palawan, the country's largest province, about 240 kilometres (150 miles) southwest of Manila at its northernmost point, is also home to about 1,500 species of plants whose medicinal and food properties have not been fully studied.

More than 1,700 islands offer 3,200 kilometres (2,000 miles) of coastline in waters teeming with fish. The provincial environment office says nearly 50 million metric tons of fish were caught in 1987 alone.

Palawan also has at least seven native tribes whose existence is threatened by increasing migration from nearby islands. And human fossils 22,000 years old have been found in the province's Tabon cave.

But the wilderness is being pressured by immigration from other islands, which has grown by an average of five per cent since the start of the decade.

Palawan's population has more than doubled in recent years to an estimated 500,000.

Plundering
New settlers are using slash-and-burn farming and vigorous collection of wildlife to scratch out a living. Wealthy logging concessionaires have been accused of plundering the province's timber resources.

Haribon Foundation, a conservationist group, gathered a million signatures since last year to pressure the government into declaring Palawan a protected area. But President Corason Aquino only referred it to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The petition has been followed up by Haribon president Maximo Kalaw, who recently urged a ban on both commercial logging and collection of wildlife in Palawan, in a letter to Aquino. He proposed a communal forest areas for island residents.

"The issue in Palawan is not only about conservation but about social equity and sustainable development for generations of Filipinos to come," Kalaw said.

Nearly 70 per cent of Palawan's land area of 1.5 million hectares (3.7 million acres) is forested. Haribon blames loggers, whose concessions cover one-fifth of forest lands, for denuding an estimated 19,000 hectares (46,930 acres) of forest each year.

The destruction of the forests has caused soil erosion, siltation and flooding in the southern part of the province, district foresters said.

The government does not have the resources to protect the forests, officials said.

Mariano Villanueva, provincial environment and natural resources officer, says he has only 179 guards, each of whom is responsible for protecting 4,000 hectares (9,880 acres) of forest. Local officials also lack training to enforce environmental regulations.

During a raid at the public market last Saturday, a white-breasted eagle, being sold for 1,500 pesos (\$69), was confiscated, said chief wildlife researcher Mateo Zuniga.

Gunmen kill two Filipinos

MANILA, June 5. (UPI): Gunmen shouting allegiance to the communist insurgency ambushed and killed a businessman and his bodyguard as they drove to work today, police said.

Johnny Siy, 42, an executive of Texaco Vinyl Products, and his bodyguard, Sgt. Marcial Natividad, suffered multiple gunshot wounds and died in the attack in the suburban industrial town of Valenzuela, police said.

The incident occurred three days after a leftist union leader in another company in Valenzuela was killed by gunmen.

The victims were driving to their office when six men with handguns opened fire as their car turned a corner, police investigator Ernesto Reyes said.

Reyes said the gunmen shouted "We are NPA," referring to the 23,000-member communist New Peoples Army. Please do not interfere. This man must answer for this crime against workers."



Slow pipe smoking

The new Swiss female champion in slow pipe smoking is Franziska Baertschi of Oberwil. She kept the allotted three grammes of tobacco burning in her pipe made from deer antler two hours and 14 minutes to win in the competition on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Roh warns against growing leftism

SEOUL, June 5. (AP): President Roh Tae-woo said today that leftist ideology was spreading among some young South Koreans and warned that the government would take any steps necessary to prevent a drift toward communism.

Roh urged society to unite against leftism by persuading the youth that communism had nothing to offer South Korea. He warned the

government would suppress any move to undermine the existing political system.

"I call upon the entire people to come forth before it is too late," Roh said.

"It has become this year's task to overcome the challenge of the violent leftist forces," he added.

The government cannot accept any move to "overturn the foundations of democracy and

turn our society into a communist state," said Roh in the first of a series of radio broadcasts he is to make on Mondays.

Some South Korean radical students and dissidents are pro-leftist, calling for overthrow of the Roh government and creation of a "workers' and farmers' state." The radicals lack popular support because of their extreme views and often violent tactics.

New leader wants justice

Uno vows drastic reform

TOKYO, June 5. (Reuters): Japan's new Prime Minister Soudo Uno today promised drastic measures to clean up Japanese money politics but pledged to continue his predecessor's foreign and economic policies.

Uno last Friday became Japan's 18th post-war prime minister, succeeding his old ally Noboru Takeshita who resigned over links to the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal.

Uno sprang no surprises in his first policy speech before both houses of Parliament, following the basic policies of Takeshita as analysts had expected.

He called for a thorough reform of Japanese money politics, which led to the Recruit scandal.

Publishing and telecommunications giant Recruit gave large amounts of money and unlisted shares to top politicians, officials and businessmen.

"I believe it is imperative not only that political and moral justice be done in the Recruit problem that has sparked a distrust of politics unprecedented in our parliamentary history," Uno said.

He called for reforms aimed at preventing such a scandal, saying proposed measures included



Uno: action

stricter laws dealing with political funds and a radical reform of Japan's electoral system.

Japan should play a leading international role as a member both of the Western industrialised democracies and the Asia-Pacific region, Uno said.

"We believe that it is wrong to simply advocate self-centred positions and that it is in Japan's best interest to act from a global point of view."

Uno said his government will continue economic policies to narrow Japan's huge trade surplus, seek consistent and inflation-free economic growth, and increase access to Japan's domestic market by easing restrictions and reforming the structure of the economy.

"The various trade and economic issues facing Japan, including those with the United States, are becoming more serious every day," Uno said.

Overall foreign policy tenets he retained included increases in foreign aid and support for multinational peacekeeping forces and cultural exchanges — all major policies adopted by Takeshita.

A candidate backed by the scandal-tainted Liberal Democratic Party narrowly won a gubernatorial election in northern Japan yesterday, a local election committee reported.

The election committee in Niigata Prefecture said Kiyoshi Kaneko, backed by the governing LDP, had 658,086 votes to 611,986 for Yutaka Shitoma, and 140,161 for Akira Nagasaki. The majority gave Kaneko a victory.

"It was a hard-fought race, as I anticipated," Kaneko said in a nationally televised interview.

Relief efforts under way in Lanka

COLOMBO, June 5. (AP): Air Force helicopters dropped food parcels to thousands of villagers stranded by mudslides and floods that killed at least 250 people during the weekend, officials said today.

More than 100,000 people left homeless by the monsoon-triggered devastation sought shelter in schools, churches and Buddhist temples, police and relief workers reported.

At least 20 centimetres (eight inches) of rain fell Saturday, triggering deluges of earth and water in valleys that wind through the southwest corner of the island — from Kegalle in the Central Hills, south to Ratnapura and down to Galle on the Indian Ocean coast.

Air Force commander Walter Perera said helicopters dropped 35,000 food parcels in the Kegalle and Ratnapura districts and pilots were directing Navy and fishing boats to pick up marooned people.

In the coconut and rubber plantation districts around Kegalle, 70 kilometres (45 miles) northeast of Colombo, 165 bodies were recovered from the mud yesterday and today according to Rama Jayasinghe, assistant director of Social Services. Searchers continued to dig through the mud, looking for more bodies, she added.

Piyatissa Ranasinghe, a local government administrator, said 54,000 people were being housed in schools, temples and churches in the gem-mining centre of Ratnapura 70 kilometres (45 miles) southeast of Colombo, and more were arriving.

"We expect to have 60,000 refugees by late Monday," he added.

In the old Portuguese and Dutch colonial fort town of Galle, 110 kilometres (70 miles) south of Colombo, police headquarters said at least 5,000 people were living in Buddhist temples after being driven out of their homes by flood waters.

The Sri Lankan Red Cross issued an international appeal for food, clothing, tents and medical supplies.

The nation's economy and infrastructure have been battered by six years of ethnic warfare. More than 9,000 people have died in the north and east during an insurrection by guerrillas from the Tamil minority, while another 3,500 have been killed by Sinhalese extremists attacking the Sinhalese-dominated government and its supporters in central and southern Sri Lanka.

out of Colombo," the letter said.

"From then on, I will cease all my activities in the organs of the future state of Cambodia," the letter said.

The statement by Pol Pot, blamed for the deaths of more than one million Cambodians, appeared to comply with demands by the Vietnamese and the Phnom Penh government that Pol Pot and other senior Khmer Rouge leaders be barred from any role in a post-settlement government.

with only the position as head of the High Institute for National Defence.

"At present, I would like to request your excellencies to allow me to resign as the head," of the institute, said the letter read over Khmer Rouge radio.

"However, in order to further devote my patriotic life to liberating the country from the Hanoi Vietnamese aggressors, I would like to remain as a researcher in the High Institute for National Defence until all the Hanoi Vietnamese aggressors are driven

Benazir will face tough talks in US

Nuke arms at issue

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, June 5. (UPI): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto left yesterday for an official visit to the United States, where her talks with President George Bush and other senior officials are expected to focus on Pakistan's alleged nuclear weapons capability, US aid and the Afghan war.

"It will be my endeavour ... to project the vibrant image of a democratic Pakistan," Benazir said in an airport statement before leaving Islamabad. The prime minister and her entourage were to make an overnight stop in Geneva and continue to Washington today.

During her six-day visit, Benazir is to hold talks with Bush, Secretary of State James Baker, Defence Secretary Richard Cheney and officials of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. She is to meet in New York on Friday with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Benazir, 35, the first woman leader of a modern Islamic nation, also is scheduled to address a joint session of Congress on Wednesday and make a speech at her alma mater, Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The close relations between Islamabad and Washington have strengthened since Benazir took office in December following the first free elections in 11 years in Pakistan, which has been under martial law for two-thirds of its 41-year history.

However, analysts said she is likely to face some hard talk from US officials over Pakistan's alleged programme to develop nuclear weapons.

The Bush administration has requested \$621 million in economic and military assistance for Pakistan this year as part of an overall \$4.02 billion six-year package. But in order for Congress to approve the aid, US law requires the president certify Pakistan is not developing a nuclear bomb.

Benazir has repeatedly said Pakistan's nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only. Analysts say she will likely reiterate in Washington her government's willingness to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, requiring international inspection of nuclear facilities, if arch-rival India also agrees to do so.

Pakistan has a "regional approach" on the nuclear issue, she told reporters at the airport.

Benazir will also be seeking to buy an additional 60 F-16s, at a cost of about \$1.4 billion, to add to 51 of the jetfighters Pakistan already possesses. Officials say they expect the deal to go through despite opposition from the Indian lobby in Washington.

"Pakistan has to continue the process of modernising its armed forces," Benazir said. "We need US help, and I will urge the United States to respond to our legitimate defence needs."

The prime minister said she would also "appraise the US leadership" of her government's programme to revitalise Pakistan's economy. "I will underscore that continued US assistance would be essential to our economic objectives."

The war in Afghanistan will also figure prominently in talks both in Washington and with Perez de Cuellar. Pakistan harbours the Islamic rebels fighting the pro-Soviet government in Kabul and funnels to them arms from the United States, China and some Middle East nations.

But despite a pullout in February of Soviet troops backing the Kabul regime, the rebels have failed in an offensive, launched at Pakistan's urging, to capture the strategic eastern city of Jalalabad, boosting the morale of the communist government and damaging the prestige of the resistance.

News reports say Benazir will propose an international dialogue for peace in Afghanistan that would include a reopening of direct negotiations between Moscow and the Afghan resistance and UN diplomatic efforts.

Nigeria calm after riots

LAGOS, June 5. (AP): Calm returned to Nigeria yesterday after a week of violent demonstrations over the government's stringent new economic policies.

A Lagos newspaper, Punch, yesterday put the nation-wide death toll in a series of clashes between police and largely student demonstrators at 50.

Dusk to dawn curfews remained clamped on the midwestern city of Benin and in the oil-rich, Atlantic coastal city of Port Harcourt, where the rioting spread on Friday.

The military government also has banned political activity in Lagos state, where at least 10 people died and 1,500 were arrested in a 10-hour rampage of looting and rioting in the capital on Wednesday.



Benazir visit

Wynne replaced

Jatoi to lead opposition

ISLAMABAD, June 5. (KUNA): Opposition parties and groups in the National Assembly have unanimously elected senior politician from Sind Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi as leader of the opposition in the assembly.

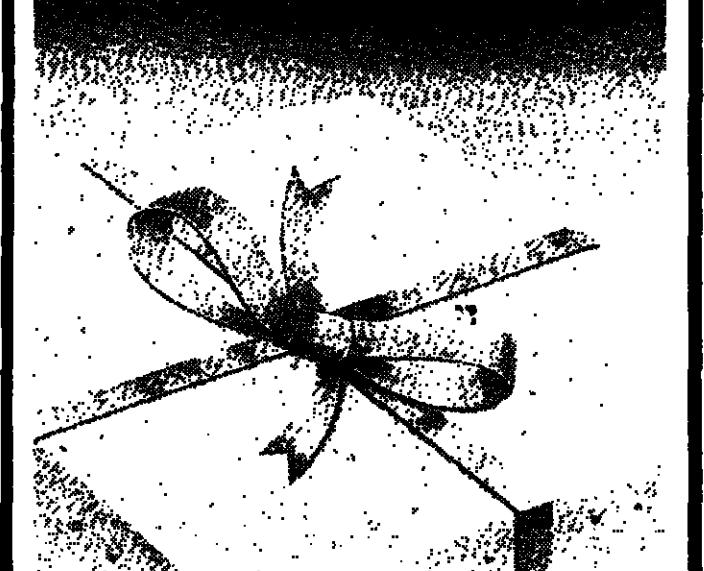
An announcement to this effect was made at a news conference by president of the Pakistan Democratic Party (PDP) Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan in a local hotel here yesterday.

Jatoi, who is the chief of the National Peoples Party, replaces Ghulam Hyder Wynne from the Punjab.

The chiefs of various opposition parties and groups in the National Assembly attended the press conference following their joint meeting.

They included chief of nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Awami National Party chief Abdul Wali Khan, chief of Jamiat Ulema Islam Maulana Fazlur Rahman, chief of his faction of NPP Ghulam Mustafa Khar, secretary-general of the Jamiat Ulema Pakistan Maulana Abdus Sattar Niazi, Muslim League leader Chaudhry Sajaat Hussain, former frontier governor retired Lieutenant-General Fazle Haq, Muslim League leader Ghulam Hyder Wynne and leader of independent political group Mrs Syeda Abida Hussain.

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Brokers want more commission

Real estate market needs re-organising

KUWAIT'S real estate market is one of the important sectors that contribute to the overall performance of Kuwait's national economy.

Real estate offices in Kuwait have been active for a number of years and recently have developed business activities on a much sophisticated level. Real estate brokers play a significant role towards activating the national economic movement.

The level of turnover in business in the real estate market is a barometer for gauging the general direction the Kuwaiti economy is heading for, economic sources in Kuwait said.

To highlight this issue, a local daily interviewed a number of real estate entrepreneurs.

Akeel Al Akeel, a real estate owner said that the real estate market is witnessing a high level of economic activity at the moment. Several prominent Kuwaiti businessmen are involved, including real estate companies and some local banks.

But, he complained that the real estate offices are paid only one per cent commission although the overheads of these offices had increased.

Rajab Mayouf said that he had joined the real estate market since he retired. He added that the work requires a vast base of acquaintances in addition to gaining the confidence of people.

Manipulation

Tawfeek Al Abbadi said that the real estate market is manipulated. He added that some brokers increased the prices of real estate transactions in order to get more commission. Meanwhile, Abbadi called on the Ministry of Justice to simplify real estate registration procedures, organise and monitor workings.

He criticised the major real estate companies which still insist on dealing with a limited number of real estate offices. This policy had affected the supply and demand base in the market he said. He added that municipality decisions were playing a significant role towards activating the real estate market.

Any rumour or statement concerning the organising of any new area in the country is reflected in the price movement at the real estate market, he said.

Faisal Al Rashid said that the absence of licensed brokers as well as a lack of clear criteria had caused ambiguity in real estate investment.

Slump

Tarek Al Saad said that the market for the time being is suffering a slump due to the summer vacation. He added that the aftereffects of the Manakha crisis still adversely affects the real estate market.

Some statements regarding cancelling of the rent contracts concluded between the government and some building owners had negatively affected the real estate market and resulted in the real estate investor to be more prudent, Saad said.

Speculation in the real estate market is represented in the high prices offered by some dealers, he added.

Abdullah Al Rifai who operates a real estate office together with his uncle said that the market situation had improved compared to the last two years. Facilities given by the Real Estate Bank and Kuwait Finance House played a significant role towards achieving this goal.

Talal Al Ali, said that it is high time for establishing a real estate Bourse to overcome cheating in

the market. He called for establishing a society for real estate offices owners so as to undertake organising the process of the real estate market.

Ali said that the high prices of real estate in residential areas had negatively affected the activities of the market. The level of prices are not encouraging to investors.

Mubarak Al Azmi said that the real estate market movement was relatively active and depends on the activities of real estate offices and the brokers.

He suggested that a separate page should be allocated for the real estate activities in the local dailies. He called for re-organising of the market and suggested that the commission to be given to the brokers should be increased.

Tarek Al Tukheim said that he was investing his funds in the real estate market. This market will be reactivated in the future he said. He added during these days the market shows indications of confusion which need an effective economic and political decision to achieve stability. He called for the reforming of a government committee in addition to another committee grouping a number of dealers in the real estate market for setting up a pragmatic strategy to govern market activities.

He complained that the increase of banking interest rates had negatively affected real estate speculations and resulted in a great number of investors to withdraw their funds from the market.

"Real estate markets the world over are an important vehicle towards enhancing the national economy of a given country," a senior real estate broker in Kuwait said.

Beware of hawkers: Ayar

Phenomenon undermining country

NASER Al Ayar, director of public relations at Kuwait Municipality has appealed to citizens and expatriates not to deal with hawkers in order to avoid the spread of infectious diseases which causes financial burdens to the state.

In a statement issued today the official said that the Kuwait

Municipality would like to warn citizens against purchasing anything from these hawkers including the clothing, perfume, utensils and foodstuff.

He clarified that most of the commodities offered by the hawkers were fake and of bad quality.

He added that some of the

hawkers were seizing the opportunity to steal jewellery from houses and some of them were molesting maids.

Apart from the above, the spread of the hawkers phenomenon is an uncivilised one and is undermining the country as an advanced country with local markets designed in accordance

with the latest systems followed in developed countries. Ayar said.

He called on citizens and expatriates to co-operate with the Municipality to overcome this phenomenon, and added that the Municipality was ready to receive any complaints in this respect.



ASK commencement exercises

THE American School — Kuwait held its annual commencement exercises on the evening of May 30, at the Regency Palace Hotel. Over 1,000 parents, graduates, friends and dignitaries attended the ceremony in honour of the 66 graduates who will attend colleges and universities all over the world. The evening was marked by addresses delivered by Dr Yaqoub Al Sharrar, Assistant Undersecretary

of Private Education, Nathaniel Howell, US Ambassador, Rabee Ataya, Valdictorian, Alexius Sandoval, Salutatorian, and Yasmin Siddiqui, Senior Class Representative.

The picture above shows girl students of ASK listening quietly to the various addresses before receiving their certificates.

No bar on marriage authentication

Onus of residence on Interior Ministry

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs Naser Al Roumi has denied that the ministry refuses to authenticate marriage contracts if the salary of the husband is less than KD400 a month.

He added that the ministry has not issued any instruction amending the present regulations in respect of marriage contracts of expatriates.

Commenting on the conditions of the Interior Ministry on transfer of residence permits of the wife under sponsorship of her husband, he said that this is an issue that should be sorted out by authorities at the Interior Ministry since it is that ministry which organises residence permits of foreigners according to the standards required for families in Kuwait.

The undersecretary pointed out that the ministry has 1948 employees including 723 Kuwaitis and 1225 non-Kuwaitis. He added that 102 employees resigned last year (46 Kuwaitis and 56 non-Kuwaitis). The ministry also appointed 203 employees last year including 160 Kuwaitis and 42 non-Kuwaitis, he said.

Computer centre
Roumi pointed out that the ministry's computer centre has completed studies to use computer in formalities of the courts. The computer system will record all details and data about judicial works instead of the manual record. The computer will preserve documents, judicial sentences and

decisions of the prosecution. The computer will also put an end to the confusion in names of banned persons because the system will provide the relevant authorities with names and details of the those persons. The system will give instant and accurate information on defendants and witnesses, he said.

Undersecretary Roumi pointed out that the civil law of Kuwait does not allow expatriates to possess real estate. But he added that a regulation issued in 1985 allowed GCC citizens to possess real estate in Kuwait. The regulation was issued as part of the GCC unified economic agreement. He added that regulation allows GCC citizens to own a maximum area of 3,000 square metres to be used as a private house for them or for their families.

Training
Roumi further pointed out that the ministry is doing its best to develop its administrative staff. It has organised several training courses for its employees in administrative and technical jobs in co-operation with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. It has also sent a number of prosecutors to Egypt to join the National Institute of Judicial Studies there according to the protocol of judicial co-operation between Kuwait and Egypt. The course at the Egyptian institute lasts for four months. He added that ministry has set up a committee to re-organise the administrative and organisational structure of the ministry.

Science club seeks corporate help

THE Director of Girls Branch at Kuwait's Science Club Muna Al Amiri has called on private sector corporations to play a larger role in supporting scientific institutions and sustaining their different activities.

In an interview with a local daily Amiri has described human resources investment as invaluable.

In advanced countries, all sectors contributed to enhance the activities of science clubs in view of the importance of creating a new generation armed with science and knowledge, the official said.

Amiri added that the State of Kuwait in accordance with the directives of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier had spared no efforts towards supporting the march of

science clubs. Recently, a new premises for the girls branch is intended to be built on a land of 12,000 square metres, she said.

The girls branch will be temporarily moved to Farwaniyah area. The branch consist of four departments, computer, electronics, chemistry and agriculture in addition to another four departments to be opened soon including astronomy, engineering, drafting, mechanics and geology. These departments shall accommodate about 1,000 members with 400 children.

The girls branch is paying special attention to children through organising training courses, the official said. She added that the branch had adopted a unique experiment for qualifying children who passed several training courses. She added that the branch was receiving

ing girls eight-years of age up to the university stage. During this summer, the branch will organise several computer training courses in addition to sending several members to the computer centre of the Ministry of Interior, Kuwait Airways Corporation and Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) for practical training.

The department has agreed with a number of commercial banks who will offer the necessary opportunities for girl members to familiarise themselves with the computer appliances and its utilisations.

In conclusion, Amiri confirmed that the science club activities are not practiced during summer only but cover the entire year. The club's activities do not hinder academic studying programmes, the official said.

Alternative MTSC tariff

THE chairman of the board of the Mobile Telephone Systems Company Abdullah Al Sabih has said that the company is currently considering the provision of alternative tariff categories on its services. He stressed that the 15 per cent profits distributed by the company among subscribers is reasonable in the light of the existing economic situation.

Sabih pointed out that the company was earnestly considering the elimination of mobile line-interference, and that the company had different channels to increase its financial sources.

The cost of overseas calls received by the company network was higher than that of the Ministry of Communications, the official said.

150 students debarred

Optimum operations at correction centres

MINISTER of Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri has said that all staff operating at the Control and Correction Centres are doing their jobs optimally.

He told a local daily that examination results would be put up after one week. Secondary school examinations ended yesterday.

Meanwhile, the ministry's Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari said that the ministry would exercise no pressure on staff in charge of correcting exam papers to meet the deadline set for announcing the results and that the purpose of this was to ensure adequate consideration of each and every exam paper before the deserved grade could be assigned.

Khudari said that exams for this year were conducted under satisfactory conditions and according to the pre-set schedule.

He pointed out that a total of 150 students, boys and girls, were prevented from sitting for the remaining exams after they had been caught cheating.

Some were debarred from sitting for the exams of the remaining two terms, others from the exams of one term. Khudari pointed out that a marked drop in the cheating rates was clearly noticeable during the exams of this year.

He added that out of 20,961 students taking the secondary exams this year, 8,231 were Kuwaitis, and that the total number of students taking the exams at the religious institute was 807.

Seven caravan owners penalised

SEVEN pilgrimage caravans had their licences withdrawn and their insurance of KD8,000 confiscated for violating regulations of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs during the last pilgrimage. Another firm had its licence cancelled without forfeiture of insurance money. A further two firms had KD3,000 of the insurance deposit confiscated for the same reason, according to a senior Awqaf official.

Abdul Rahman Al Fares, Assistant Undersecretary at the ministry pointed out that the ministry will oblige owners of pilgrimage caravans to offer hotel services to their clients during the pilgrimage season next year. He added that this new step is a development of services offered to pilgrims by Kuwaiti caravans.

He denied that the ministry sets limitations on prices of these caravans.

Fares added that the ministry set up a permanent committee for pilgrimage affairs in 1979 to facilitate the performance of pilgrimage duties and rites for pilgrims from Kuwait.

Meanwhile a number of owners of pilgrimage caravans have defended their caravans and services.

One of them Ahmad Al Shaye said that every caravan is run by a group of youths. He added that prices are different from one caravan to another due to the difference in services. He added that his caravan charges KD275 per pilgrim who travels to Makkah by air. The caravan receives the pilgrim at Jeddah airport, offers free transportation, accommodation and three meals a day. In Mina the pilgrims live in air-conditioned tents, he said.

Faleh Al Fadhi who also has a caravan said that prices of caravans for this year are low and reasonable. He added that his caravan will go to Medina then to Makkah. The prices of the caravans are: KD270 in an air-conditioned bus, KD350 in a Suburban and KD400 by air. He added that his caravan is abiding by the instructions of the Ministry of Awqaf to separate the Kuwaiti pilgrims from other pilgrims of the caravan in Mina.

A director of a caravan Sami Mahmoud has criticised instructions of the Ministry of Awqaf for separating Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti pilgrims in Mina. He suggested the establishment of a union for owners of the caravans to improve and develop the services offered to pilgrims.

Meeting

In a related development proposals for a new national housing strategy outlined in a study prepared by the General Secretariat of the nation's Higher Planning Board were considered at a board meeting.

Presided over by the board's Economic Committee Chairman, Dr. Mohammed Al Sabah, the meeting, attended by Housing Minister Naser Abdullah Al Roudhan, discussed future housing trends in the country in light of increasing demand for government housing. The meeting was also attended by Board Secretary General Fouad Mulla Hussein.

The officials, joined by top policy planning officials of the National Housing Authority, examined a report from the board's General Secretariat proposing a new national housing strategy.

Don't use rifles in inhabited areas, says official

By Sayed Othman

DIRECTOR of the Arms Licensing Department at the Criminal Intelligence Department, Lt. Col. Faisal Al Enzi appealed to arms holders especially those possessing hunting rifles not to use it in inhabited areas or near vital installations. He also called upon them not to hand over their licensed arms to other persons.

He said that arms must be kept out of reach of children and any loss must immediately be reported to the police. He was speaking to Seyyash/Arab Times after the Ministry of the Interior had confiscated a number of hunting rifles used in inhabited areas and others for causing injuries.

Control

The department of arms licensing controls all affairs relating to use, trading and

import of arms besides issuing licences to holders. Under the department's authority lies the provision of licences for all types of arms, explosives and materials used to manufacture them. Preconditions to obtain licences for holding arms state that the applicant must be Kuwaiti over 21 years of age and never been convicted of any crime. Licences are renewed annually in the month of December. Applications

for renewal must be submitted two months earlier, the official said.

Lt. Col. Enzi said that the main sources of arms imports to Kuwait is Europe and USA. Special permits from the Minister of the Interior must be obtained by importers. Persons willing to open shops for dealing in arms must obtain permits from the Interior Ministry and the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the official said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Power subsidy

KUWAIT, June 5. (KUNA) Electricity and Water Assistant Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs Ah Hammad Al-Faraj said today that the ministry collects KD 3 million in utility bills and pays KD one million in subsidy.

In an interview with KUNA, Faraj urged consumers, citizens and expatriates alike, to cut down their power usage, affirming that the ministry will continue its awareness campaign in this regard.

He said however that the ministry has no intention to prop up power consumption fees, noting that the ignorance of some consumers of the amount of subsidies furnished by the state is a key factor for excessive consumption.

Citing the ministry's role in monitoring imported electrical appliances, the assistant undersecretary indicated that a specialised department at the ministry examines and determines the serviceability of all new appliances.

Aviation meeting

THE executive committee of the GCC Civil Aviation department will hold its sixth session in Riyadh on June 14 and 15. The meeting will discuss several important issues including transportation strategy in the Arab world, increasing number of flights among GCC cities besides, airport security, GCC aviation officials will discuss the issues of the joint bureau of the GCC states at the IATA.

Meanwhile, the GCC ministers of communication and Transport will hold a meeting in Riyadh on June 25 and 26.

Oil security

AT a symposium held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia last week, the code of safety and security around oil installations was the subject of discussion.

Three out of fifteen working papers entertained by the symposium were submitted by Kuwait, of which one was prepared by Fadi Al Ali, an engineer at the Mina Abdullah refinery dealing with the uniformity of safety and security regulations enforced by the Kuwait National Petroleum Company. Ali's paper was pronounced the best.

Recommendations adopted at the end of the symposium stressed the need to unify existing regulations and codes of safety and fire in the GCC.

Kuwait week

TUNIS, June 5. (KUNA) The Fourth Kuwaiti Cultural Week was opened in the Tunisian town of Saytala Saturday by the cultural attaché of the Kuwaiti embassy, Talab Ahmed Al Baghly.

In an inaugural speech, Baghly said the activity was in the framework of ideal co-operation existing between the two countries and to avail Tunisian youth the opportunity to get acquainted with Kuwait's development efforts.

Books and documents issued by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters and the Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Science were displayed at the exhibition as well as handicrafts and paintings by pupils of Kuwaiti schools.

Politics free

THE chairman of the Islamic International Charity Organisation (IICO) Youssef Al Hajji has said that there are no relations between the organisation and certain political trends.

He added that the organisation doesn't accept being subject to political views. The IICO works to defend Islam and also offers support and relief for needy Muslims in different parts of the world. He added that the organisation does not receive any secret donation. Our goals and projects are clear for all people, he said.

Hajji pointed out that IICO does not encounter bottlenecks in carrying out charity projects and activities in the world. These activities are being carried out through the official channel in different parts of the world, which involves considerable time, the official said.

Summer jobs

THE department of schools activity at the Ministry of Education has announced the availability of summer-time activity programmes for students of the third and fourth secondary stages seeking temporary employment.

A source at the department was quoted as saying that there is a special programme for employing students at government establishments, ministries and other departments, including private concerns, on a provisional basis.

The source told a local daily that students wishing to get such application could submit their applications to the department along with a copy of their passing certificates and a written consent of their guardians.

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Ahmad: 44°C 111°F
Fahala: 45°C 113°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 18 per cent
Ahmad: 28 per cent
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Amir receives Iraqi minister

HIS HIGHNESS the Amir received yesterday Iraqi Minister of Justice Akram Abdul Gader who delivered a message to HH from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The meeting was attended by Acting Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khaled Ahmed Al Jassar and the Iraqi ambassador to Kuwait.



Premier receives Sudanese minister

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdalla received in his diwan at Bayan Palace yesterday Sudan's Defence Minister General Mubarak Osman Rahama, who relayed to HH a message from Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi.

The audience was attended by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawal Al Ahmed and Sudan's Ambassador to Kuwait.

Maternity leave essential, say officials

KUWAIT'S Civil Service Council resolution No. 13/1979 gives the working mother maternity leave ranging between six months and four years.

To highlight this issue, a local daily interviewed some officials.

The Secretary-General of Kuwait Medical Association Dr Bader Hamadah, said that the doctors were in agreement that the mother should breast feed newborn babies. He added that these infants need the mother's personal devotion for at least one year.

Entitlement

The government should grant a leave of at least six months with full pay for nursing mothers.

The Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Affairs at the Ministry of Education Abdulaziz Al Jarallah, said that the relevant decision had taken into account the relation

between the working mother's own interest and the job interest.

According to law, the working mother is entitled to six months to four years as maternity leave in the public sector, with the right to resume work during the period.

Need

With regard to the increment and promotion, during the maternity leave, the official said that the mother will not be entitled for any increment or promotion after the expiry of the first year of the maternity leave.

A gynaecologist at Adnan Hospital Abu Baker Mohammed has called for the granting of maternity leave to girl students in the university, adding that the university board should discuss this issue. He criticised the practice of not paying mothers who work in the private sector during maternity leave.

Psychiatrist, Abdullah Al Ansari has confirmed the mother's need for leave in order to take care of her children particularly in view of the importance of natural feeding. He warned against dependence on maids towards looking after the children. He clarified that the child could acquire the necessary immunity through the mother's milk. He added that the maternity leave which ranges between six months to four years was sufficient. But he suggested that the working mother should be entitled to half salary during the said period.

Khaled Al Adwani, the Controller of Administrative and Financial Affairs at Al Adan Health Area differentiated between the delivery leave and the maternity one, clarifying that the working mother was entitled to paid leave in the case of delivery, but during pregnancy the mother will not be entitled to any payment, he said.

Police patrols stepped up in Jahra

IN implementation of a new security plan, the Jahra governorate has stepped up police patrols to maintain law and order in the governorate and round up youths loitering around, a phenomenon characterising the after-school summer recess.

The security measures follow continued public complaints about increasing youth concentrations during the summer and recurrent thefts and other public nuisances.

Intensified police patrols have contributed to ensure optimum implementation of the plan and prevent youths from loitering especially after midnight.

Arabic computer language compiled

Verbum will be available in two editions

By Sayed Othman

THE recent achievement of Dr Hazem Al Sayed who is the President of Paradigm Software Inc. has gained considerable recognition from computer establishments in America and Europe. For the first time, the first moves were made by Hazem to launch the first compiled Arabic programming language, Verbum.

Hazem, who is 30 years old, was born in Kuwait and completed his intermediate secondary education here. He completed his education at the American School in Kuwait and obtained a doctorate degree in Islamic architecture from MIT University before working as a

professor at Harvard University and MIT.

Sayed told Seyassat: "Our aim in developing Verbum is to make accessible to native Arabic speakers some of the most recent trends in computer science. Arabic has proved to be a very suitable language for translating computer science ideas. In fact the syntax of Arabic is in many ways more suitable than that of English for the representation of computational constructs," he added.

He said that Verbum provides a complete environment for exploring the principles of computer programming in Arabic. The new developed compiler Verbum runs several times faster than the interpreted Arabic languages presently available. It has

more than 750 built-in commands and operations, and supports speech synthesis as well as music synthesis.

He pointed out that Verbum is targeted at the Arabic educational market and will be available in two editions: Secondary and Collegiate. Secondary schools and university students can use Verbum to learn the fundamentals of computer science and to explore the possibility of programming other computer machines. Verbum can also be used to gain computer literacy without having to learn English.

"At this point, we are talking to a number of dealers in the Middle East, in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, but marketing plans have not been finally settled yet," Sayed said.

United schools essay contest

THE West Asia Regional Office of UNEP and the Arab Regional Office of United Nations International in Bahrain are jointly holding the 6th annual Arab regional essay and painting competitions for school students to foster environmental awareness. The competition will mark the 17th anniversary of the Stockholm Conference on environment and UNEP.

The last date to receive the entries at USI Arab Regional Office, Bahrain, has been extended to June 30th in view of requests from several schools.

The topics for this year are hazardous waste; ozone layer depletion; conservation of nature; save our seas; technology

and environment. The topics for painting are Water is the Source of Life; Healthy Mind and Healthy Body and Save Our Seas.

Meanwhile, World Environment Day will be marked on June 5. The message of the World Environment Day states: When people put the environment first, development will last. Sustainable development, development without destruction, can only be achieved by protection of the environment which provides the natural resource base on which all development depends. And to do this, to protect and rehabilitate soils, forests, fresh water, and marine resources, everybody must play an increasing part.

Strict precautions taken

Weather causing illness: Dawood

THE head of the Preventive Health Division at the Ministry of Public Health Dr Jaffer Dawood has ruled out the possible existence of a viral epidemic in Kuwait which induced coughing and intestinal convulsions.

He told a local daily that the change of weather conditions was possibly behind the hoarseness of the voice coupled with exposure to high outdoor and low indoor temperature. This could also cause bronchitis. He added that the ministry took strict precautions to prevent the spread of epidemics this summer. These included banning entry of food carried into the country by passengers, especially following the spread of meningitis in certain neighbouring countries.

carry out projects in South Khaitan and for organising works in Ugaia, Jahra, Salwa and Hawalli areas.

KD338,747,510 is the budget to carry out two blocks in Jebel Al Shiyoukh and East of Qurain

KD52,734,965 to carry out work in South Surra and Mangaf areas. KD73,086,550 to carry out projects in Rigga, Fahad, Magwa and the industrial area. Mangaf as well as the coastal road. KD64,154,640 was allocated in the second list for private houses.

KUWAIT, June 5. (KUNA): Father of the Kuwaiti martyr Fawzi Majadi told KUNA here today that he was proud of his son who died in confrontation with the Zionist enemy in Occupied Palestine.

Fawzi was martyred in a military attack against Israeli troops inside Israel early Sunday along with two other Palestinian fighters.

The father said Fawzi was the youngest of his sons and was born in 1961 and in 1982 he participated in the liberation of Palestine.

Harsh weather negates Kuwait's leisure facilities

A LARGE section of travellers at Kuwait International Airport said that Kuwait owns huge touristic capabilities, but harsh weather negates these facilities useless. This was the overall view of a survey conducted by a local daily with travellers at Kuwait International Airport.

With the beginning of summer season in Kuwait, travelling seems to be the only way to beat the heat, according to a large number of travellers interviewed at the departure hall. Other travellers pointed out that the main purpose of leaving Kuwait during the summer is to visit relatives abroad. However, a small number of travellers were leaving Kuwait for treatment.

Meanwhile, airport employees face long lines of travellers there, different than any other time in the year.

Dr Salem Sari, a professor at Kuwait University travelling to Egypt said that the travelling phenomena became very fashionable lately and that some people travel just to imitate others.

He said Kuwait has huge touristic facilities which may not be available in other countries. Regarding the bad weather condition, he stated that there are no doubts that Kuwait's weather is very hot in summer, but all facilities are equipped with airconditioning.

Objective

Salem urged persons interested in travelling to first indicate the objective of the journey. He also pointed out that it is necessary for tourists to comply with the rules and policies enacted at the country they are visiting. Tourists should reflect a good image of their country and should improve the reputation of Arabs in Europe.

Mohammed Al Ajmi who was travelling to Cairo said that it is an attractive city and the weather is usually very good. He pointed out that he often travels to Egypt, in addition to the fact that it is an Arab and Islamic country with which Kuwait has strong ties.

Tareq Abbas was also leaving for Cairo to visit his family after years in Kuwait. He pointed out that most security measures implemented at the airport are similar to other international airports. He added that he did not face any difficulties at the departure hall.

Computer centre of valuable service

THE Kuwait University Computer Centre in Kuwait provides valuable services to administrative and teaching staff of the university.

A local daily interviewed the director of the Computer Centre at Kuwait University Dr Zaid Mohammed Abdul Hameed who said that the computer centre was established in 1979 and provides several morning and evening training courses for students.

More than 15,000 students have benefited from the centre since its establishment. It operates from 7 in the morning until 10 in the evening five days a week and also receives external students during evening hours.

Budget

Hadi said that the approved budget for the Computer Centre of the fiscal year 88/89 amounts to KD2,321,000. The centre has a group of advanced computer specialists, Khalidiya, Aduliyah and Jaber.

The centre's services cover university colleges which are located at five different locations and are connected with a high quality communication network.

Regarding the centre's future plans, Hadi stated that the centre has many ambitious plans. These services will provide a purchased advanced programmes to assist the educational and teaching process. The centre will develop its training services and will implement new systems, particularly automation of library work with the co-operation of the Libraries Department at the University.

Arafat arrives

KUWAIT, June 5. (KUNA): President of the State of Palestine Yasser Arafat today arrived here on a visit to the country.

He was received by HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince, and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, head of the National Guard, deputy premier and foreign minister, a number of ministers, governors, heads of diplomatic corps and state security officials in addition to members of the Palestinian embassy in Kuwait.

Following the Zionist occupation of Palestine in 1948, Arafat along with his followers and Palestinian fighters.

Arafat said the father, who was a member of the PLO, died in the need for liberating Palestine.

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Drugs a problem

Available statistics

Official has warned that Kuwait will suffer harsh consequences from the drug problem. He said that the drug problem is a serious one and well known programmes to combat it are not adopted. He said that the problem here is not as serious as in other countries where drugs exist and thus require a different solution, the official said.

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Parliamentary election in UAE

Discussion at the 19th Union session would also cover the secretary-general of the Parliamentary Union with the Union since March 1988.

The conference will discuss formalities of the transition of the chairmanship from the Parliamentary Union to the UAE National Council.

On the other hand, the 19th Union session will be held on June 10 to discuss the union's work in 1988 and the new agenda adopted by the Arab League.

Other issues to be discussed by the council would include the union's secretary-general's possible plans for the ratification of the 1978 Parliamentary Union.

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MIDEAST

Saddam appoints new deputy premier

BAGHDAD, June 5, (AP): President Saddam Hussein today appointed Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sadoun Hamadi as a new deputy prime minister, the state-run television reported.

The move heightened speculation that a cabinet reshuffle was in the wind amid promised political reforms following last August's ceasefire in the war with Iran.

Hamadi is a senior member of the ruling Baath Socialist Party and the Revolutionary Command Council, will be the third deputy premier working under Saddam, who is also prime minister.

The other deputies are Taha Yassin Ramadan, another key member of the Revolutionary Command Council, and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

The television did not say why Saddam appointed Hamadi, who has also held the posts of oil minister and foreign minister and was drafted onto Iraq's delegation to the peace talks with Iran that have dragged on inconclusively for more than nine months.

But Gulf newspapers have reported that there were indications that the US-educated Hamadi was being groomed to take over as prime minister.

Senior government officials have indicated that Saddam planned to relinquish some of his personal power and even abolish the Revolutionary Command Council, which has key legislative powers over the 250-seat National Assembly, or parliament.

Gulf newspapers said last month that Saddam was planning a cabinet reshuffle soon as part of his reform package.

Hamadi is a Shiite Muslim, like the majority of Iraq's 16 million people. Most of Saddam's hierarchy are members of the minority Sunni sect.

Hamadi was speaker of the National Assembly before he was appointed as Aziz's deputy in the Foreign Ministry last year.

Dozens of first-time candidates were elected to the assembly in national elections in April, opening the way for Saddam to implement the reforms he has promised. All candidates were financed by the state.

The assembly, which had earlier nodded through legislation, was given teeth in February last year when the Revolutionary Command Council empowered it to investigate government departments.

Since then a health minister and several senior officials have been sacked for incompetence and negligence.

The assembly, with its new grouping on non-Baathist deputies, is now expected to endorse a new constitution and a new law permitting political parties other than the Baath, which has ruled Iraq for 20 years.

It was Hamadi who first hinted last August that political reforms were planned.

No timetable has been set for the promised reforms, including eventual presidential elections. The Revolutionary Command Council currently appoints the president.

Saddam became president in a peaceful transfer of power from Gen. Ahmed Al Bakr in 1979, after years as vice president.

The reforms were not expected to reduce Saddam's personal authority, which has been enhanced since Iraq's self-proclaimed victory in the Gulf war.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Death for drugs

SUEZ, Egypt, June 5, (Reuters): An Egyptian court sentenced 19 foreigners to death for attempted drug smuggling, court officials said today. Police arrested 10 of them — four Sudanese, two Bangladeshis, a Kenyan, a Tanzanian, an Indian and a Somali — last July in a boat off the coast stashed with drugs from Pakistan.

Kenya denies

KHARTOUM, June 5, (KUNA): The President of Kenya Daniel Arap Moi has denied reports that his country was helping the rebel movement of Colonel John Garang and agreed to normalise relations with Sudan, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sid Ahmed Al Hussein said today.

Visit called off

PARIS, June 5, (Reuters): Nigeria President Ibrahim Babangida, facing widespread riots over his government's austerity measures, called off an official visit to France today.

A Nigerian official in Paris told Reuters the June 7-10 visit, the first by a Nigerian leader, had been postponed at the request of the Lagos government.

Arab fashion

DAMASCUS, June 5, (Reuters): A Syrian designer plans to invade the Western fashion world with an updated version of the flowing robes worn by Arab men and women.

Islamic fundamentalists fighting for votes in Egypt

NDP expected to win easily

CAIRO, June 5, (Reuters): An Islamic fundamentalist group looks set to mount a strong challenge to the Egyptian government in elections to a consultative assembly this week, despite a wave of arrests of Muslim militants.

"We are standing in the elections to convey our message to the people — the message of Islam," Maamoun Al Hodeibi, a leading member of the Muslim Brotherhood, told Reuters. "We have decided to run and engage in the battle."

About 14 million Egyptians will be able to vote on Thursday for the Shura Council, a consultative body which recommends new laws to parliament.

Political analysts expect the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) to win easily. But an opposition alliance contain-

ing the Muslim Brotherhood could pick up votes among poor Egyptians tired of economic stagnation.

"The ruling party will win a landslide majority but it is worth watching how many seats go to the opposition," an Interior Ministry official said.

Banned

The Muslim Brotherhood is officially banned by law from politics, though unlike some fundamentalist groups it rejects violence.

It is contesting the poll indirectly through an alliance with the Socialist Labour Party and the Liberal Socialist Party.

The centre-right New Wafd and the leftist Unionist Progressive Party are boycotting the election, saying there are insufficient guarantees against vote-rigging.

In an apparent attempt to minimise support for the alliance, the Interior Ministry has arrested 2,000 alleged Muslim militants under emergency laws in the past two months. Under the laws, formal charges do not have to be brought.

Parliament Speaker Rifaat Mahgoub, campaigning for the NDP, denounced what he called exploitation of religion in elections.

"Some people are attempting to use religion to whip up confusion in society," he told a rally in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia.

The Muslim Brotherhood's Hodeibi, a Member of Parliament, said the arrests were government policy. "These illegitimate methods became part of the government's survival," he said.

The NDP has pointed to wage

Egypt indicts 66 Muslim radicals

CAIRO, June 5, (Agencies): Egyptian prosecutors charged 66 Muslim radicals, including blind theologian Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, yesterday with inciting or taking part in anti-government demonstrations and violence.

The indictment accused Abdel-Rahman of leading a demonstration which turned into a riot on April 7 at the oasis town of Fayoum, 100 kms (60 miles) southwest of Cairo.

Demonstrators were accused of exchanging shots with the police. Eight people were injured.

Abdel-Rahman, regarded by many members of the underground Islamic Jihad group as their spiritual guide, was twice tried and acquitted on charges relating to the Oct 6, 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat, and a failed Islamic extremist coup attempt that followed it.

He was also one of those mentioned in an Amnesty International report issued last month claiming torture and extended detention of political prisoners in Egypt. The government denied Al's charges.

Abdel-Rahman has been jailed since the Fayoum riots. At least 1,500 Muslim radicals were arrested throughout the country over the last two months in a nation-wide crackdown. Nineteen men were arrested in Fayoum for allegedly making crude explosive devices and for throwing them at a cinema, slightly injuring five people.

Under an emergency law in effect since Sadat's assassination, the government has wide powers of detention.

The indictment charged 60 persons, including Abdel-Rahman, with participating in the April 7 riots and the clash against the police.

ries, economic reforms and housing improvements in its election campaign.

It has also stressed foreign policy successes, including Egypt's return to the Arab League last month after it was suspended 10 years ago for mak-

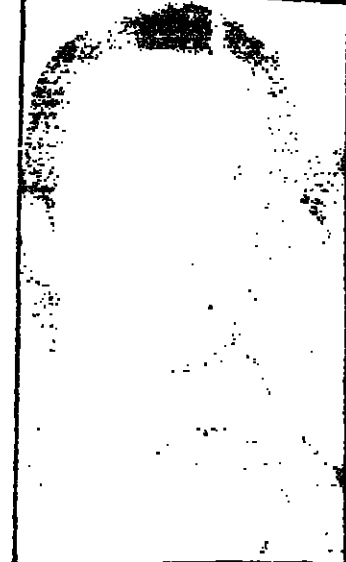
ing peace with Israel.

The alliance, formed in 1987, is standing under the slogan "Islam is the Solution." The Muslim Brotherhood aims to apply Islamic sharia laws to Egypt's 54 million people.

The alliance, the main opposi-

tion group in parliament, won 61 seats in the 458-seat house two years ago.

Voters will send 172 representatives to the Shura Council and President Hosni Mubarak will appoint 86. The last council elections were in 1980.



Mengistu: reality

Ethiopia offers talks to rebels

ADDIS ABABA, June 5, (Reuters): The Ethiopian government today offered to hold unconditional peace talks with rebels in Eritrea in a bid to end one of Africa's longest civil wars.

The new peace formula, marking a dramatic policy turnaround by the government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam, was unveiled at an emergency meeting of the Ethiopian Parliament, or Shengo, called solely to discuss the 28-year-old war in Eritrea.

Diplomats noted it was the first time Mengistu had set no conditions for peace talks with the northern rebels.

The six-point peace plan said the talks, the venue of which and date would have to be agreed by both sides, should be attended by international observers. It said the government was open to discuss any other proposals for peace in the region.

The plan was virtually assured of being endorsed by the 835-member Parliament, all of whose members belong to Mengistu's Marxist Workers Party of Ethiopia (WPE), the sole legal party in the North East African nation of 48 million people.

Previous government initiatives, centring on granting limited autonomy to the region, have been repeatedly rejected by the secessionist Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

Mengistu told the parliamentary session the government would do everything possible to resolve the Eritrean conflict peacefully.

"The call for a peaceful settlement of the Eritrea problem has never been louder. You have to devise a new peace initiative that takes into account the prevailing international situation," he said, referring to improved East-West relations.

Mengistu noted the EPLF had always turned down the government's peace initiatives but said he hoped they would reciprocate this time.

The new proposals follow a bloody attempted coup on May 16 by top army generals, one of whose main demands was an end to the Eritrean conflict which has virtually paralysed the region.

The coup attempt, launched almost simultaneously in Addis Ababa and in Eritrea's provincial capital Asmara after a string of military victories by the EPLF, was violently crushed by loyalist troops.

The EPLF, now the most dominant group of rebels in the province near the Red Sea, wants total independence for Eritrea, once a colony of Italy.

Eritrea had a federal status with Ethiopia in the 1950s, but this was rejected by the region's parliament in November 1962 when it voted for a unitary state with Ethiopia.

Seventh man charged in bombings

STOCKHOLM, June 5, (AP): Police on Saturday charged a seventh alleged member of a terrorist cell suspected of bombings in northern Europe and links with a Palestinian organisation, Sweden's National News Agency reported.

The unidentified suspect was said to have ties with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-general command, the Syrian-based group reported to be behind the Pan American airliner explosion which killed 270 people in December in Lockerbie, Scotland.

The TT news agency said the suspect was accused of complicity in several terrorist attacks, but it gave no details.

Six other men in the case have been arrested in the last two weeks on various charges, including terrorism and bank robbery.

Pakistan traces mysterious rocket fire

ISLAMABAD, June 5, (Reuters): Pakistan said today a mysterious rocket that crashed into a field in the heart of the country last month was fired from Afghanistan.

The authorities had been baffled about the origin of the rocket whose explosion on May 22 blasted a huge crater near Bhakkar, in Punjab province, but caused no other damage.

The town lies 185 km (115 miles) from the Afghan border and 275 km (170 miles) from

the Indian border.

Local commentators speculated the rocket could have come from Afghanistan or India or been fired locally. The incident coincided with the Indian test-firing of its first intermediate-range ballistic missile 'Agni'.

A military inquiry team has found it was a 1967 vintage Soviet-made Scud missile "fired from Afghanistan territory," the Defence Ministry said.

The strike was the deepest into Pakistan

territory of three Afghan rockets that Islamabad says landed in the past several weeks. The Soviet-backed Afghan government denied the previous two strikes.

Kabul and Islamabad are at odds over the rebel war in Afghanistan in which Pakistan backs the rebels.

Afghan President Najibullah said last month his forces would rocket rebel bases in Pakistan if Islamabad intervened in the 10-year-old war.

Former US envoy reveals PLO talks

WASHINGTON, June 5, (KUNA): John Gauthier Dean, former US ambassador in Beirut, revealed yesterday that while heading the US embassy in Lebanon between October 1978 and June 1981, he held 35 official sanctioned meetings with PLO officials in Beirut with authorisation from then-secretary of state Cyrus Vance.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Dean said that among his PLO contacts was Yasser Arafat's top aide, Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad). Dean describes Abu Jihad as "a soldier and a well-trained officer who kept his word with me and was helpful to the US."

Dean recently left the State Department after serving as ambassador to five countries — Cambodia, Denmark, India, Thailand and Lebanon. He says he decided to make public his PLO contacts because "the credibility of the PLO is in question" and he wants to bolster it by showing from his personal experience that there is "another side" to the PLO.

The Dean contacts add a new chapter to the saga of America's secret relationship with the PLO during the 1970s and early 80s — a period when the United States maintained an official policy of refusing to recognise or negotiate with the organisation.

Vance confirms in an interview with the same paper that he authorised Dean's meetings with the PLO in Lebanon and says the purpose of the meetings was to discuss embassy security in Beirut and release of US hostages in Iran — but not to discuss political or diplomatic issues. Thus, argues Vance, the Dean meetings were not a violation of the pledge made to Israel by Henry Kissinger in 1975 not to negotiate with the PLO until it recognises Israel's right to exist, since there were no political discussions and it was political discussions that were banned.

"When I wished to travel through Lebanon to support orphans (and) old-age homes, I worked with every faction including the PLO," says Dean. He recalls that he would tell the PLO where he wanted to go and "they'd advise whether this was safe or not and send an armed escort."

The Dean channel played an important role after the US embassy in Tehran was seized in November 1979 and American diplomats were held hostage. Vance says he told Dean "to get the message to Arafat to help us get our hostages out." Arafat, eager to gain diplomatic credit for releasing hostages, soon went to work.

The statement at the end of the Beirut meeting said foreign ministers of the three countries had been entrusted with carrying out a plan to end Lebanon's constitutional crisis, but gave no details.

It added that what is going on in eastern Chad and other parts of it are internal problems in which the Jamahiriya has no hand at all.

The statement, carried by the National Libyan News Agency further said that Libya is within its borders and does not occupy any Chadian lands and has no expansionist schemes.

"The committee is deeply perplexed at the claims contained in the Chadian statement after the two countries went a long way in improving and developing their relations and adopting dialogue as a method to settle any differences between them," it went on.

Gaza under curfew

Palestinians stage a protest strike

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5, (Agencies): Palestinians staged a protest strike today to mark the 22nd anniversary of the 1967 Middle East war in which Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Egypt and Jordan.

The Army extended a curfew on the Gaza Strip for a second straight day, confining 700,000 Palestinians to their homes.

Six Palestinians were shot and wounded by Army gunfire, including a 16-year-old girl from Nablus in the West Bank and a 14-year-old boy from the Nusseirat refugee camp in Gaza.

Both were in critical condition with bullet wounds to the head, Arab hospital officials said.

An Army spokeswoman confirmed two Palestinians wounded during an Army raid on the West Bank village of Beita, and said she was checking the other casualty reports.

Also today Israeli news reports said Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was considering a request by the West Bank's Army commander, Maj. Gen. Amran Mitzna, to step down after two years in the post.

Mitzna asked to be relieved later this summer to study abroad, the newspaper and radio reports said. An Army spokeswoman would only say that "there is job rotation in the Army after one-and-a-half or two years."

The strike, the second in two days, was called by the pro-PLO Unified National Leadership of the Uprising to mark the "defeat of the Arab governments and their armies and the occupation of our Palestinian land, the Sinai and the Golan Heights."

Throughout the occupied lands, streets were deserted and shops shuttered. In the biblical West Bank town of Bethlehem, activists stoned several Arab-owned cars carrying workers.

In the West Bank village of Hable, about 150 residents led by 30 masked youths staged a march to mourn the death of Omar Qassem, a senior PLO figure whose family originates in the village.

The marchers who carried black flags of mourning and outlawed Palestinian flags defied a curfew imposed on the village yesterday after Qassem's death.

Qassem, 48, a senior figure in the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, spent the past 21 years in Israeli jails. His death came as Israel was considering exchanging him for the remains of an Israeli soldier believed to have died after capture in Lebanon in 1983.

A high ranking Palestinian figure today called for co-existence between Palestinians and Israelis, saying this is the sole means for peace to prevail in the Middle East.

■ Egypt's Foreign Minister



Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres asks Dutch Development Minister Piet Bukman to take a seat as the two met yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Two decades spent in jail

PLO commando dies in Israeli prison

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5, (AP): A leading Palestinian commando leader died yesterday after spending more than two decades in Israeli prisons, Arab reports said.

Omar Qassem, 48, was a senior figure in the politburo of the PLO faction the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Israeli officials said.

Israeli newspapers have described Qassem as the most important of the 11,000 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

The Army imposed a curfew on the West Bank village of Hable, where Qassem's family originates, after news of his death was broadcast on Israeli Radio. A curfew confines people to their homes.

Arab reports said he was hospitalised in Israel's Asaf Rofeh Hospital in Ramle about two months ago with gall bladder, kidney and liver problems.

Family members confirmed his death. Prison officials could not be reached.

Qassem was captured by Israeli soldiers after leading a commando raid from Jordan in 1968. He was sentenced by an Israeli military court to two consecutive life terms.

His death came as Palestinian activists held a news conference in occupied Jerusalem to appeal to Israel to release him.

■ Arab-Israeli dispute.

■ Twenty Palestinian families will be moved from Egypt to the Gaza Strip after waiting seven years to rejoin relatives, an Egyptian official said yesterday.

Mitterrand visits Tunis

TUNIS, June 5, (Reuters): President Francois Mitterrand received a warm welcome in Tunis today at the start of a two-day state visit which reinforces the strong cultural and commercial ties between France and Tunisia.

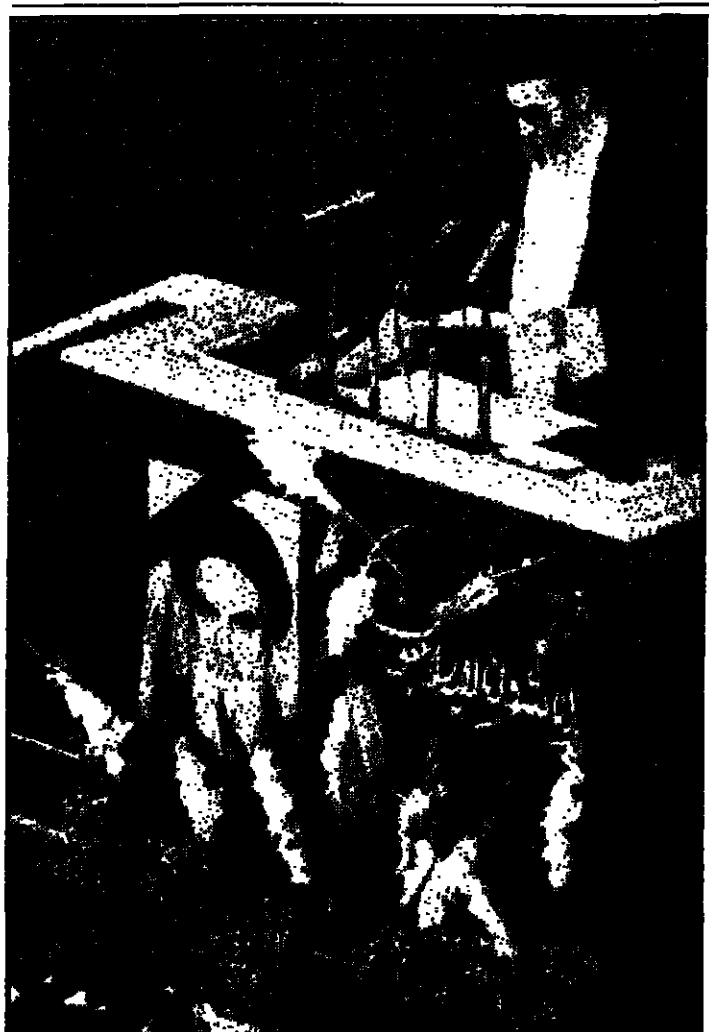
Mitterrand and his host, President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, took a detour on their way from the airport to the guesthouse, driving through the city centre and waving to crowds of thousands from their open car.

The visit is the first by a Western head of state since Ben Ali took power in November 1987 from ageing President Habib Bourguiba. Ben Ali's visit to France last September was also his first to a non-Arab state.

France, which ruled Tunisia for 75 years up to 1956, is Tunisia's largest trade partner by far and French remains the foreign language of choice for Tunisians. Some 284,000 Tunisians live and work in France.



Francois Mitterrand



Iran's new leader Ali Khamenei addresses an assembly following his nomination. (Reuters wirephoto)

Support last chance move

Beirut shelled

RABAT, June 5, (Agencies): King Hassan of Morocco appealed today for all Lebanese to support a three-man committee seeking peace in Lebanon, saying it was the country's last chance.

Speaking just hours after rival gunners shelled Christian and Muslim sectors of divided Beirut, the King told a news conference: "There must be a ceasefire in the heads of the people before the cannons can be halted. This is the last chance to move on from this crisis."

King Hassan yesterday chaired the first meeting of the committee — made up of heads of state of Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Algeria. He declined to give any details of plan of action which the three agreed to put to all parties to try and end the 14-year-old civil war.

Two people were killed in Christian East Beirut and 14 wounded in the overnight shelling between soldiers of Christian Army commander Michel Aoun and Syrian troops and their Muslim allies, security sources said.

The death toll from the latest fighting which flared up in mid-March now totals at least 364.

But King Hassan said he was optimistic of a successful outcome to the latest effort to bring peace to the fractured country, stressing the committee had the full backing of the Arab world and up to now no side in the dispute had reacted negatively.

"The sun of hope is brightly shining and we believe it will illuminate the whole surroundings (of Lebanon)," he declared.

Libya denies plan to attack Chad

TRIPOLI, June 5, (KUNA): Libya has strongly denied Chadian accusations that it is preparing for a military attack against Chad through Sudanese territory.

A statement by the People's Committee for Foreign Liaison Bureau and International Co-operation, or Foreign Ministry, last night said the Chadian claims against the Libyan Jamahiriya, are "totally untrue."

Commenting on an official Chadian statement issued yesterday, it added Libya has absolutely nothing to do with the conflicts taking place in Chad.

It added that what is going on in eastern Chad and other parts of it are internal problems in which the Jamahiriya has no hand at all.

The statement, carried by the National Libyan News Agency further said that Libya is within its borders and does not occupy any Chadian lands and has no expansionist schemes.

"The committee is deeply perplexed at the claims contained in the Chadian statement after the two countries went a long way in improving and developing their relations and adopting dialogue as a method to settle any differences between them," it went on.

Iranians pay their respect to Khomeini

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term in this summer's presidential election.

The Aug 18 election will be held simultaneously with a referendum on constitutional reforms that are expected to increase the president's executive power.

Khamenei has endorsed the candidacy of Rafsanjani, a long-time political ally and the only declared presidential runner so far.

Khomeini's only son, Ahmad, read a section of his father's political testament over the radio that called for national unity and warned against "enemy conspiracies and world-devouring America."

But the extract he read did not refer to the succession issue.

Under a blazing sun, Iranians of all ages flooded Mousalam Square in north Tehran as Khomeini's tightly shrouded body was placed in the air-conditioned cubicle atop a hastily assembled platform formed of shipping containers.

"As many as two million people gathered here today to vow to continue following the teachings of the imam," Mohammad Ibrahim Sankaji, a Revolutionary Guard commander handling crowd control, told foreign reporters.

Men and women, who usually are strictly segregated in public places, jostled as they threw turbans and worry beads to the guards; to be pressed against the bier and returned as sanctified relics.

"I felt I have touched the Ayatollah himself," said a weeping girl, dressed in a head-to-toe black chador, as she took back her bracelet. "I shall wear it always."

Khamenei arrived at the square by helicopter to pay his last respects to Khomeini, but Prime Minister Mir Hussein Musavi had to push his way through the crowds to reach the bier.

Stores and offices around the capital were closed until the weekend in mourning, for, Khomeini.

Black flags fluttered from buildings and workers were painting black borders around huge portraits of the ayatollah that decorate the sides of apartment blocks.

Khomeini will be buried tomorrow in the Behesht-e Zahra cemetery south of the capital on a three-square-kilometre site chosen by his son that was being prepared by Revolutionary Guards.

The site borders the highway leading from Tehran to Qom, where Khomeini taught Islamic theology for years before he was exiled in 1964 for his opposition to the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

IRNA said the funeral ceremony would be held at the vast Eid prayer ground in north Tehran at 7 pm (0400 GMT) and Khomeini's body would then be taken to the cemetery.

In Beirut's southern suburbs, where at least some of the 17 Westerners missing in Lebanon are believed held, 50,000 pro-Iranian Shiites staged an emotional five-hour symbolic funeral in honour of Khomeini.

President George Bush said today he would make no overtures to the new government in Iran and demanded the release of hostages held by what he said has been a "terrorist state."

Bush told a White House news conference he was "not sure yet" about the implications of the change in Tehran with the death of Khomeini and the naming of Khamenei to succeed the man who led Iran's fundamentalist revolution.

Pope John Paul II sent his condolences from Finland today to Khamenei.

President Ghulam Ishaque Khan will represent Pakistan at the funeral of Khomeini.

India announced a three-day

late mourning and Indian

saders expressed shock at the

death of Khomeini.



Khomeini lies in state in Tehran's Mosala Square (top left) while an Iranian is carried above the crowd as hundreds of thousands gathered to pray for their leader. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rushdie has little hope after Khomeini's death

LONDON, June 5, (Reuters): British novelist Salman Rushdie has little hope that Ayatollah Khomeini's death signals an end to his life in hiding, a supporter says.

"He is too shrewd and aware of the real situation in Iran to count any chickens before they are hatched," Amanda Hopkinson, of the International Committee for the Defence of Salman

Rushdie, said yesterday.

"The Indian-born author of 'The Satanic Verses' has been in hiding under police guard since Khomeini denounced the award-winning novel as heresy last February and ordered Muslims to kill him."

Britain said today that Iran's leaders must withdraw the death threat against Rushdie before

relations between the two countries can return to normal.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We shall be looking to Iran to renounce publicly the use or threat of the use of terrorism and violence... and we are referring of course to the death threat against Salman Rushdie which we have asked Tehran to rescind."

Triumph stunning Khomeini reincarnated religion

NEW YORK, June 5, (AP): A few years before the Iranian revolution, few would have believed that Ayatollah Khomeini, an aged Muslim ascetic, could seize power in the most swiftly modernizing nation in the Middle East.

His triumph, therefore, was all the more stunning. It took him only 10 days to pull off the final stage of his revolution. Ten years later the revolution is still alive.

Khomeini reincarnated religion as a key force in world politics. He also established tactics that other nations, from a host of other nations and ideologies, would use in later people power revolutions.

How did Khomeini do it? How did the mighty, secular, US-backed government of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi fall to an elderly religious leader, a man who had been exiled from his nation since 1964, a traditionalist who knew or cared little for the ways of the modern world?

The bedrock of support for Khomeini came from the nation's 150,000 Shiite Muslim clergymen and millions of their followers, mainly poor Iranians stunned and confused by the Shah's radical modernization of the country.

The Shah's measures had included improving roads and health services and modernizing the economy of his nation of 34 million. He also instituted educational and social reforms, and reined in the clergy's wealth and power. He raised the status of women, who had suffered from such practices as a man's right to divorce his wife at a moment's whim.

Useful as some of these reforms may have been, however, they caused consternation among millions of traditionalist Iranians, who imagined their country was being transformed into practically a foreign state. They also feared the Shah's huge, US-backed military buildup, which brought legions of foreign advisors into the country and created the prospect of Iran's becoming embroiled in power conflicts.

They also hated the Shah's Savak Secret Police, notorious for its diabolical means of torture.

They had no reluctance to march against the Shah's Army and police, even at the risk of their own lives. Khomeini sent them to do this in a display of people power and fearlessness before armed force that astonished and cowed the government.

But the Shah, backed by oil money, foreign support and Savak, might still have remained in power had some crucial components of the population not joined the opposition.

It was the irony of Khomeini's revolution that it might never have succeeded without the active support of these groups, who potentially stood to lose the most from it.

The most important of these was Iran's small but rapidly growing middle class, mostly concentrated in Tehran and other urban centres. They saw their alliance with Khomeini as a way to end the corruption, dictatorship and torture of the Shah's rule.

As the revolution approached, they saw signs that all would not be roses for them afterward: they feared the replacement of the Shah's dictatorship by a dictatorship of the clergy, and women worried they would have to dress in black head-to-toe chadors.

Many worried that the Western pleasures that had just begun to be common — rock 'n' roll music and fashions, the latest US and European movies, and fine food and liquor — would disappear.

Khomeini's revolution, however, seemed to be the only alternative, and so many of these middle-class Iranians joined it. They provided money, spread cassettes with Khomeini's speeches, produced leaflets and organised demonstrations. In the end, many of their concerns about life in an Islamic republic came true.

Another unlikely group that

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

IN charity, there is no excess — Francis Bacon, English philosopher — writer (1561-1626).

OPINION

Winds of change

THE events in China are really quite interesting. Presently, these developments have become the focus of world attention. This is especially poignant as it is no longer possible to shield events by way of the iron curtain, due to advanced modern communications which facilitate broadcasting such happenings to the furthest corners of the world.

Thus, it has become difficult to hide the brutality of the events taking place in China. Undoubtedly, the struggle is one related to ideologies. The communist system is directly intended here.

That the struggle is purely ideological, is borne out with the fact that years after the success of the Bolshevik revolution, the downfall of empires in East Asia and the arrival of the communist system, the struggle has been continuous and fierce between supporters of communism and its opponents.

By discarding on peace and good will for peoples of this earth, the communist system exported violence to different parts of the world. It took upon itself the authority to classify people into different categories, like progressive, peace-loving or as silly capitalists.

By mobilising the working class, and crowning itself the protector of the proletariat and the lower classes, this communist ideology exported demonstrations, strikes and upheavals to the rest of the world.

Now this ideology is facing a backlash. It is now reaping the harvest of the same goods it exported to the world. The world is now paying them back in the same coin.

Brain-washing attempts are now proving futile against the large number of people demanding change. And they are demanding total change. The tanks of terror could not stop the waves of people and it is no longer possible to use the same means that were used in Hungary or Czechoslovakia when their citizens revolted in their search for a system different from communism.

The Soviet leader alone has realised that the winds of change are blowing fast and strong. Having realised what China failed to understand, he prepared himself.

The winds of change have finally arrived in China, and it is difficult to rein in their effects. These winds carry the same political goods that once blew from East to West. These goods were simply talking about the human misery in the West, when in actual fact, they were taking place in the East.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Gorbachev's indirect mandate for change

By Susan Cornwell

KREMLIN chief Mikhail Gorbachev's election to the Soviet Union's powerful new executive presidency enhances his authority in steering the country away from old-style communism.

Gorbachev, who became Communist Party chief in March 1985 and added the old Soviet ceremonial presidency to his titles last October, has actually acquired few extra powers that he did not exercise already. What he has gained instead is a solid legal and popular basis for them, answering criticism at home and abroad of the old Soviet tradition that the Communist Party chief acted as the country's top official.

Chosen as president by the Congress of People's Deputies, themselves elected in the first multi-candidate balloting in decades, Gorbachev now has an indirect popular mandate for his political, economic and foreign policy reforms.

In his new post, which carries a five-year term, he will chair sessions of the Supreme Soviet — the standing Parliament to be elected by the Congress — as well as decide key issues in foreign policy and defence.

The presidential post was proposed by Gorbachev and approved last year in political reforms which also created the Congress and revamped the Supreme Soviet as part of an evolving "law-based" state.

The changes revolutionised the country's political structure but left the one-party system in place as something Gorbachev has so far been unwilling to change.

A peasant's son from southern Russia with a Moscow university degree in law, the stocky, balding Gorbachev has pushed ahead with reforms, despite resistance from the party and government bureaucracy.

In his four years in power, the Soviet leader has forced a major reshuffle in top political posts, replacing over half the government's ministers and many regional Communist Party bosses.

In April he oversaw a purge of 110 communists, many elderly conservatives, from the policy-making central committee. Gorbachev has also wooed world opinion by overhauling Soviet foreign policy, most recently with his trip to Beijing for the first Sino-Soviet summit in 30 years.

In December 1987, he and then-president Ronald Reagan agreed in Washington to eliminate superpower medium-range nuclear forces. The treaty took effect in June 1988.

Gorbachev's fresh approach in foreign policy was conducted together with Eduard Shevardnadze, a fellow "new thinker" he named in July 1985 in place of veteran foreign minister Andrei Gromyko.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1513 — French Army is defeated by Swiss at Novara and returns to France.
- 1520 — England's King Henry VIII and France's King Francis I sign treaty ending French interference in Scotland.
- 1654 — Sweden's Queen Christina abdicates, is succeeded by Charles X.
- 1660 — Peace of Copenhagen ends war between Sweden and Denmark, opening the Baltic to foreign warships.
- 1797 — Napoleon Bonaparte forms Ligurian Republic in Genoa.
- 1840 — Carlist wars in Spain and with surrender of Carlist forces.
- 1871 — Alsace is annexed to Germany after French Army is defeated in Franco-Prussian war.
- 1884 — By treaty of Hui, Emperor of Annam recognizes French protectorate.
- 1942 — Nazi forces burn town of Lidice in Bohemia in World War II.
- 1944 — "D-Day" landings made on Normandy beaches of France by allied forces in World War II.
- 1967 — Egyptians close Suez Canal during Arab-Israeli war.
- 1972 — Coal mine explosion in Rhodesia kills 431 workers.
- 1973 — West Germany completes ratification of treaty to normalise its relations with East Germany.
- 1984 — An Indian Army commander says at least 250 Sikh militants and 47 Army troops were killed in fighting inside historic Golden Temple complex in Amritsar.
- 1985 — Israel withdraws last troops from Lebanon, exactly three years after its invasion of the country.
- 1988 — War between rebels and Afghan government forces enters new stage as Soviet troops proceed with their withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Man in the news

Khamenei inherits mantle of the Iranian revolution

NICOSIA, June 5, President Ali Khamenei, chosen as Iran's supreme leader on Sunday, is a relatively unskilled politician who stayed clear of an intense power struggle for Ayatollah Khomeini's mantle.

Khamenei, 49, was initially propelled into the position of president largely due to his ability as an orator and Friday prayer leader of Tehran, a post which won him popular support.

His choice by fellow clerics in the assembly of experts as leader of the Islamic republic is seen as a compromise which would in the immediate aftermath of Khomeini's death appease the two main clerical factions jostling for power.

The factions, broadly divided between radicals and conservatives on economic and foreign policy issues, have been at each other's throats almost from the day the Islamic Republic was created in 1979.

Even Khomeini, yielding unquestioned authority, failed to end the bickering.

Khomeini's vague decrees provided only a temporary respite in the battle for power, leaving the main contenders to fight it out another day.

Khamenei is known for his moderate views on virtually all Iranian political issues and has advocated a larger role for the private sector in the economy.

The assembly's choice of Khamenei came as a surprise because of his comparatively junior position within the Shi'ite Muslim hierarchy.

The body had been tipped to choose an Ayatollah rather than a more junior Hojatoleslam, Khamenei's religious rank.

Khamenei had long been a close ally of Khomeini who once said: "I have raised Mr Khamenei."

The handful of ageing grand Ayatollahs who could have stepped into Khomeini's shoes have opted for the exercise of religious authority and shunned politics.

Grand Ayatollah Abolqassem Khoi, considered by many Shi'ites as their most important religious leader, lives in Iraq and has so far remained silent on the Iranian leader's death.

Khoi, an Iranian who has more followers than Khomeini, privately opposes the idea of an Islamic government but has refrained from public attacks on the clerical leadership in Iran.

Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri was Khomeini's first choice as successor but was sacked in March after a series of daring attacks on Iran's human rights record.

Khamenei became Iran's first clerical president in

1981 following the death in a bomb explosion of Mohammad Ali Rajai.

Khamenei himself lost the use of his right arm when a bomb concealed in a tape recorder blew up as he was preaching in a Tehran mosque.

Khomeini had after the revolution barred clergymen from running for the presidency, but sanctioned Khamenei's candidacy after violence and political chaos in 1981.

The largely ceremonial post of president kept the tall, bearded Khamenei from major decision making while leaving parliament, headed by Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, to exercise real power and run the country.

Born on July 15, 1939, into a strict clerical family in Mashhad in northeast Iran, Khamenei began his schooling there, studying Persian, Arabic, logic and jurisprudence.

Khamenei is fond of Persian literature and often sponsors cultural events.

He went to the Shi'ite theological school at Najaf in Iraq to complete his studies, and later returned to Iran to study under Khomeini in the holy city of Qom.

Khamenei's involvement with underground groups opposed to the pro-Western Shah began in the 1960s.

He was first arrested in 1963, for carrying a message for Khomeini. He was imprisoned six times by the Shah between 1964, when Khomeini was forced into exile, and 1978, according to his official biography.

Khamenei visited the United States in 1987, becoming the first senior Iranian to address the United Nations since the Iranian revolution. His address to the General Assembly, on June 22, came a day after several Iranian sailors were killed in the first US attack on an Iranian naval vessel in the Gulf since the start of the US re-flagging of Kuwaiti oil tankers.

Khamenei delivered a passionate attack against the United States, prompting a walkout by the US delegation.

Khamenei's second four-year term in office as president of the Islamic Republic was due to expire Oct 9, and he was not eligible, under the constitution, for a third term. This made his future role in Iran uncertain, but as a key figure in the revolution that toppled the Shah, diplomats believed he was unlikely to sit on the sidelines after his term as president expired.

No change expected on ties with 'Great Satan'

By Steve Holland

THE death of Ayatollah Khomeini raised hopes on Sunday for an eventual improvement in US-Iran ties, but US officials and analysts foresaw no change soon in relations that have been hostile for 10 years.

US officials were clearly hopeful that the passing of the man who called the United States "The Great Satan" would mark the end of a turbulent era for a country that at one time was a strong US ally in a strategic region.

President George Bush, who signalled his desire for better relations with Iran in his inaugural speech, only to be rebuffed, said he hoped "Iran will now move toward assuming a responsible role in the international community."

Other officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, predicted a power struggle in Iran's new leadership and said they believed it would be some time before relations could be improved.

"We've got such deep problems between the US and Iran and they're not going to go away overnight," said a US State Department official. "Just because Khomeini is gone doesn't mean it's all washed under the bridge."

Many Americans considered the turbaned, bearded Islamic leader a symbol of supreme hatred who used terrorism and hostage-taking as a foreign

policy tool to reject Western beliefs and values.

They held him responsible for the holding of 52 American hostages in Tehran for 444 days in 1979-81 as well as various acts of violence and threats against Americans and US interests in the name of his firebrand style of Islamic fundamentalism.

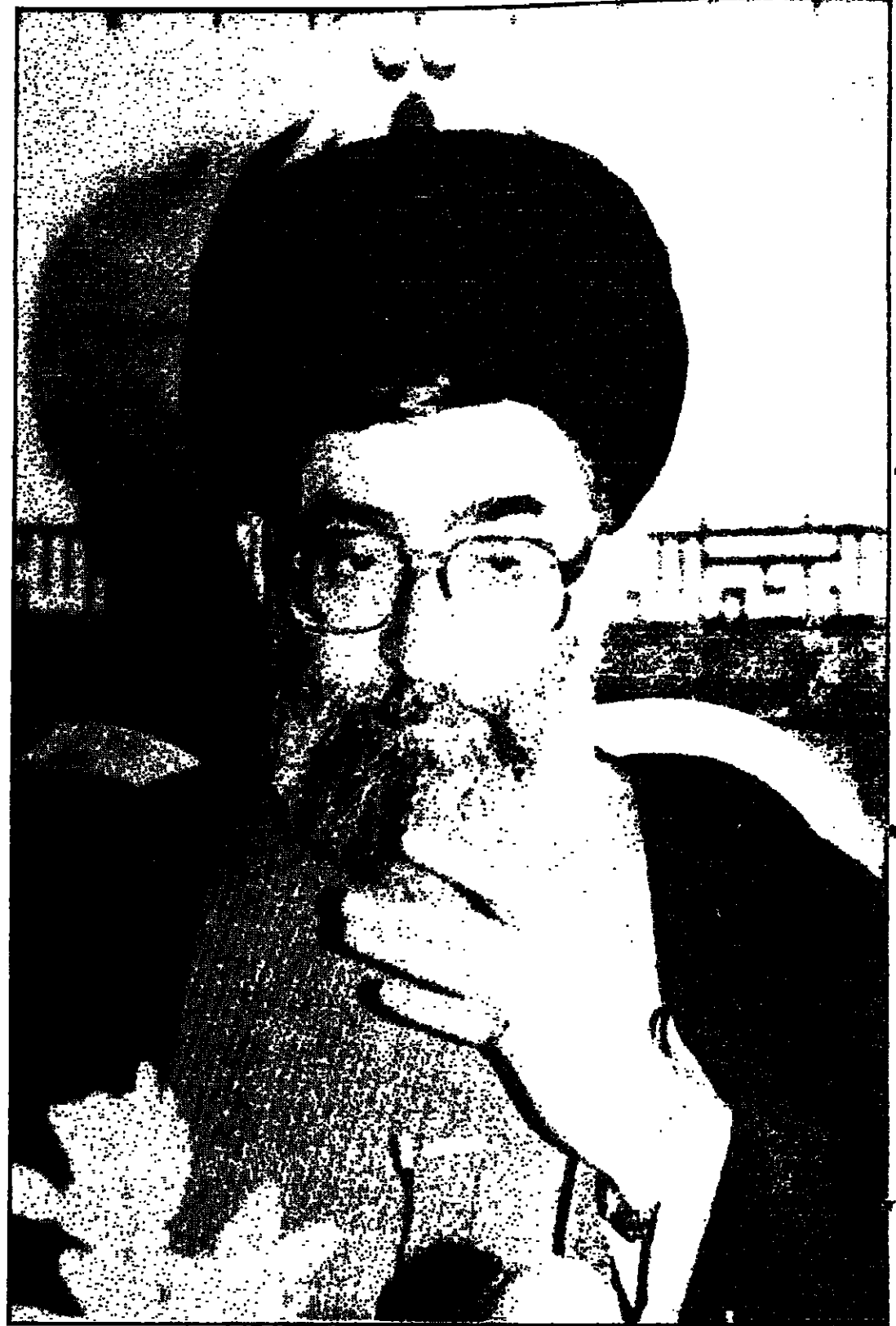
Gary Sick, an Iran expert who served on the national security council, said Khomeini's death could actually lead to a short-term upsurge in attacks on Western interests carried out by small factions who will not feel they have to answer to Iran's new rulers.

"I would expect more free-lance terrorism. I think there may be more sporadic incidents, perhaps hijackings, perhaps bombings, but I don't see that as a threat basically to the political stability of the region."

"I don't see Iran in a major way setting out to export its revolution through terror. They simply don't have the resources to do that," Sick told US television.

It has always been the prospect of 'moderates' emerging in the Iran hierarchy that has kept US hopes alive of an eventual improvement in relations with Iran.

Reagan administration officials thought they were dealing with the moderates in 1985 when they



Iranian President Ali Khamenei, successor to Ayatollah Khomeini.

sold US arms to Iran in hopes of gaining the release of US hostages in Lebanon.

That plan backfired and one such "moderate," Iranian parliament speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, recently called on Palestinians to kill Westerners for every Palestinian killed in the uprising in Israeli-occupied lands, a remark he later said had been misreported.

US officials are now loathe to refer to any one in Iran as a moderate, including president Ali Khamenei, named on Sunday to succeed Khomeini as Iran's spiritual leader.

"It's erroneous to try to pin labels on people as moderates or liberals," said one official. "He (Khamenei) was one of the inner circle around Khomeini. He's got to be as extreme as Khomeini."

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said

he has seen no sign of any moderates but believes Iran is unlikely to have another leader on the scale of a Khomeini.

"I find it hard to believe that a carbon copy of the Ayatollah could emerge," he told US television.

"But at this point it looks as if the fundamentalists are not going to be easy to dislodge, and it is not easy to determine the forces that would dislodge them."

All this would not seem to bode well for the nine Americans still held hostage by pro-Iranian fundamentalists in Lebanon.

"I don't expect any major changes in the immediate future," said George Nader, editor of Middle East Insight magazine. "I feel there are more urgent and serious matters that Iranians will have to adjust to and live with and deal with before the issue of hostages." (Reuters - Washington)

Dark days ahead for China

By Jim Abrams

A SPRING rain washed the blood off Tiananmen Square on Sunday, but it will take far longer to remove the stain of one of the most shameful acts in Communist China's history.

The killing of hundreds of unarmed in a military assault on the student-occupied square could leave China permanently changed. The senseless carnage, in the short run, could usher in a new dark age of political repression.

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping already has ousted Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang for refusing to go along with the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement. Now, having taken the irreversible step of ordering in troops to ensure his political supremacy, Deng is likely to extend the purge to a broad range of those supporting Zhao's more moderate policies.

Academics, artists and writers who in past months have spoken out for greater democracy and condemned the power abuses of the Communist Party may face ostracism, persecution or even arrest.

After much smaller pro-democracy demonstrations in the winter of 1986-87, Deng launched a numbing campaign against "bourgeois liberalisation," or the favouring of Western ideas, that lasted for months. This time the repression could be harsher and last longer.

While the Soviet Union, Poland and other Socialist countries flirt boldly with free elections, China will retreat to the socialist dogma that so many of its own people regard with disdain.

But in the longer run, the slaughter on Tiananmen will come to haunt Deng and the old guard ideologues.

The students struck a common chord with millions of workers by demanding an end to the privileges and corruption associated with the Communist Party. The shooting of workers will increase disenchantment with the party, and could lead to the social unrest Deng was trying to eradicate by smashing the student protests.

Deng's market-oriented economic reforms, his great achievement over the past decade, could be seriously undermined if a power struggle leaves Chinese leaders incapable of dealing with such critical issues as 30 per cent inflation and widespread profiteering.

Political instability will also lead to a drop in foreign investment and tourism, two scores of foreign exchange that China badly needs for its modernisation drive.

Premier Li Peng, while triumphing over old rival Zhao by siding with Deng, is now easily the most hated man in China because he declared martial law in Beijing.

If the party elders decide that someone must be made a scapegoat to remove the public venom over Tiananmen, Li is the prime candidate.

The People's Liberation Army, one of China's few official bodies to have always had the trust and respect of the Chinese people, has been badly tainted by the brutality of its attack on the people of Beijing.

"Even Hitler and the Japanese troops during World War II didn't tact like that," one Beijing citizen said.

The People's Liberation Army was known to be sharply divided about imposing martial law in Beijing. After the violence, those divisions are sure to deepen.

With all these variables, the position of the conservatives is anything but secure. Deng and the other old guard communists are in their 80s, and as evidenced by the Tiananmen attack, are losing their grip on the realities of China.

The Chinese people, after 10 years of impressive economic gains and a policy of opening to the outside world, know that China's socialist system is outdated and not working, and are eager to learn from the west.

The students' "Goddess of Democracy" statue on Tiananmen may have been bulldozed by Army tanks Sunday, but the movement for a freer and fairer society is sure to rise again. (AP — Beijing)

Leadership struggle

By William Kazer

THE shake-up in the Beijing leadership prompted by mass student protests over the past six weeks is only a foretaste of the race to succeed elderly strongman Deng Xiaoping, diplomats say.

"This is only round one," said a Western diplomat.

"The settlement, whatever it is, will be short-term, lasting only until Deng dies," said another.

Deng's 84-year-old senior leader and the architect of an economic reform programme begun in 1978, has for the moment thrown his considerable influence behind hardliners who have closed ranks under the banner of premier Li Peng.

He has split with his former protégé, Communist Party Chief Zhao Ziyang, who has supported student protesters in their quest for greater freedom and political reform.

Zhao has not been seen in public in 10 days and is expected to be accused of major errors or even of leading an anti-party clique.

"Much depends on how long Deng lives," said a diplomat. "But people who supported him may not back his successors."

Deng is in reasonably good health for his age but he tires easily, rarely holding official meetings in the afternoon. He is often unsteady when forced to stand for long periods.

Li Peng, 60, a Soviet-trained engineer who appears to have benefited most from the current power struggle, will be manoeuvring to consolidate his power in whatever time Deng has left, they said.

He has not been close to Deng, who backed his rival in the past,

but the two are believed to have forged an alliance of convenience.

"At the moment, Li needs Deng," said a diplomat. "And Deng has to rely on Li since he has broken with the leading reformer over political change."

Deng may see Li as someone who may protect his economic reforms.

Party stalwarts like Chen Yun, the ailing 84-year-old who has favoured central economic planning, and Peng Zhen, 87, former chairman of China's parliament, have thrown their support behind Li.

"But the whole equation may soon change," said a diplomat. "They have all been united in their opposition to Zhao. But once he is formally removed, then they will be fighting among themselves."

Much depends on how many reformers are purged along with Zhao. The Communist Party chief has considerable support within the party and government as well as among the public in general.

"Li Peng or anyone else will find it very difficult to run a government without the support of these people," said a diplomat.

The current power struggle has also shown China specialists that for all of the country's impressive reforms since 1978 one area has not changed, the lack of a smooth succession process.

"That is something that has been demonstrated clearly," said a diplomat. "Despite all the other changes, there is still no easy way for China's leaders to transfer power."

(Reuters)

A major blow to Hong Kong

By Chris Peterson

THE carnage in Beijing and continuing violence on its streets have dealt a major blow to the future stability of Hong Kong, due to revert to Chinese rule in 1997, analysts and diplomats said on Monday.

The British colony's stock market suffered its most dramatic slump since the global crash of 1987 and people queued to withdraw money from banks with links to China.

In a rare display of public unity, legislators and members of governor Sir David Wilson's advisory executive council issued a statement of outrage at events in China and called for calm in Hong Kong.

"We in Hong Kong, no matter how angry we are, must put all our energies into preserving the separateness of our system ... our future depends on the maintenance of our existing system and our continued stability," said the statement.

At the start of the day's trading on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Secretary for Monetary Affairs David Nendick said: "If you are in stocks and shares, stay there, you are certainly not going to get a reasonable value for your shares just now."

Panicky But his words fell on deaf ears as panicky investors sent the stock market's Hang Seng index of blue chip companies on a dizzying slide that saw it lose 581.77 points, or 21.74 per cent, at the day's end.

"I'm afraid what's happening in Beijing can only be seen as a major blow to Hong Kong's hopes for stability. With that kind of behaviour you can hardly hope for the Chinese people here to have confidence for future prosperity under Beijing's rule after 1997. I know I'd be worried," said a Western diplomat.

Governor Wilson invited Xu Jiatao, director of the Hong Kong branch of the New China News Agency and Beijing's highest representative in the colony, to his official residence on Monday.

A government spokesman said Wilson passed on the deep concern of Hong Kong Chinese over the events in Peking.

The governor also asked for the co-operation of the Chinese authorities in ensuring the safety of Hong Kong residents now in Beijing.

The spokesman said the Hong Kong government had arranged a special flight to Beijing to collect students, journalists and other Hong Kong residents who wish to return home.

Bob Broadfoot, of the private Political and Economic Risk Consultancy, said: "What is happening in Beijing has simply crystallised the concern already felt that Hong Kong will be in a very vulnerable position. The people I have spoken to are very pessimistic. I have had Hong Kong businessmen say to me quite bluntly in the past 24 hours 'Hong Kong has had it.'"

He added: "There is now no commerce whatsoever into China. Joint ventures, investment, all that has ground to a halt. They've all turned their backs on China."

"Anger is only part of it — I think there is a deep revulsion at what's going on in China, and they want no part of it," he added.

The governor and his senior advisers met during the day to discuss the China crisis, which has sparked a string of street demonstrations in Hong Kong in which angry residents have vented their grief outside the offices of the New China News Agency, Beijing's de facto consulate.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

OPEC talks bogged down

Kuwait proposes to raise output quota

VIENNA, June 5. (Agencies): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi said here today that his country has a proposal aimed at raising its current production quota in OPEC's overall production ceiling.

Sheikh Ali who was speaking to reporters just before the opening of the organisation's regular mid-year conference, expressed hope that the conference would reach an agreement acceptable to all participants.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim said his country's stand towards production quotas and distribution of the expected increase would be determined in the light of ongoing consultations.

Conference sources said United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Libya and Ecuador are demanding an increase in their production quotas.

Sheikh Ali indicated that he was ready to compromise on the size of its above-proportional allotment. "We are here to reach an agreement," he said. "We have an extremely reasonable case and we hope it will be accepted."

But our position is not engraved in stone and we are willing to listen to any reasonable price objectives. I will not talk about the possibility of failure," Sheikh Ali added.

OPEC got bogged down today tackling its perennial problem of how to share out a slight rise in oil demand among its 13 members without pushing the group's production ceiling so high that prices tumble.

A formal OPEC conference began in Vienna after four days of preparatory haggling which left it still some way from clinching a deal on new output curbs needed to defend a 50 per cent gain in prices this year and perhaps push them yet higher.

When reporters asked OPEC President Rikman Lukman if he thought he could wrap up the meeting today, he replied: "We'll be lucky."

Lukman, who is also Nigeria's Oil Minister, refused to talk about a deadlock.

He said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries was "near a consensus" on the level of a ceiling for the second half of 1989 that could be supported by petroleum demand —



Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh (second from left) questioned by journalists after he declared, that he will not return to Tehran for the funeral of Khomeini. (Reuter wirephoto)

around 20 million barrels daily compared with 18.5 million now. Lukman became OPEC's longest-serving president today when the 13-member organization re-elected him to a sixth term of six months.

Lukman, refused to give way to pessimism. "I want a fair share for my country," he said. "We have to have our conference and negotiate."

He also said that although most nations were saying they wanted a pro rata quota reallocation, that was "not the only option open to us."

Nauman Barakat, vice-president for energy investments with US finance house Prudential Bache Securities said: "Prices in the fourth quarter could be in the low to mid \$20 range if all members faithfully adhered to their quotas."

Barakat was speaking of the US benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil, now near \$20.50 per barrel.

Lukman in his opening address said prevailing oil

market stability is allied to a resurgent (US) dollar — oil being billed in dollars and producers benefitting when the currency strengthens.

"But we have to view the situation in its proper perspective," Lukman cautioned in noting that it was still unsure if firm prices and demand represented a long-term trend.

He said there is "a stronger feeling of optimism, than has been apparent throughout most of this decade" but there must be "no complacency."

The real bargaining at the conference goes on in behind-scenes horse-trading and mediating by Lukman, who also warned that the market would again become unstable "if left to its own devices."

Lukman said today an unexpectedly robust oil market could falter and send crude prices tumbling, as the organisation formally met to set price and production levels for the rest of 1989.

"There is still considerable

inherent weakness in the market," said Rikman Lukman, president of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Lukman opened the organisation's mid-year strategy session by noting prices have surged higher than expected this year, but he cautioned it was not clear the gains would be permanent.

"We have yet to ascertain whether they form part of a long-term upward trend in pricing levels or whether they merely constitute a short- and medium-term cyclical peak," he said.

"We therefore urge caution against complacency, at this stage, for these gains have yet to be consolidated."

He called on the producing nations to hold their output levels to the quotas set by the organisation.

"If left to its own devices, the present buoyant situation could easily revert to the rampant instability which prevailed for such a long time," he said.

Potential problems, he said, could come from increased production in areas recently slowed by accidents, such as in the North Sea. He also said a pickup in inflation could lead to a contraction in industrialised economies.

Lukman used part of his speech to discuss the March oil spill at Alaska's port of Valdez.

He predicted the spill would be a "watershed in the march toward a cleaner and more environmentally responsible world."

The spill, he said, has done more than any other event since the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident in the Soviet Union "to highlight the dangers of the careless utilisation of our precious energy resources."

"The elaborate media coverage of this event made many lukewarm people jump down off the fence and nail their colours firmly to the mast of a more pollution-free world."

The ministers were trying to fashion a quick agreement on their pricing and production targets for the rest of the year.

"There's no deadlock," insisted Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi.

Qatar's oil chief, Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani, said, "there's not a deadlock. (The talks) are moving but slowly."

Libya is seeking a quota equal to that of Kuwait in any new OPEC output accord, the official United Arab Emirates (UAE) news agency WAM reported today.

It quoted "a senior Libyan official," in Vienna as saying: "Libya wants a quota equal to that of Kuwait in the context of the historic (quota) equality between the two countries."

WAM said the unidentified official believed most members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries supported Libya's demand.

"Libya does not want to impose an individual will on the (OPEC) conference but it believes most members fully understand its position," it quoted the official as saying.

Libya and Kuwait were allocated 1,037 million barrels per day (BPD) each under OPEC's production ceiling of 18.5 million BPD for the first half of 1989.



Sheikh Saad receives delegations

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received delegations taking part in the meetings of the Federation of the Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The federation opened yesterday meetings of its 98th session to discuss economic and commercial issues particularly Arab economic integration and the creation of a single Arab market. Federation president, Maqboul Bin Ali Sultan, of Oman reviewed in an opening statement, the chambers' record of achievements. He said the federation has been instrumental in Arab economic and development programmes, and a forum for the exchange of views by leading Arab economists and businessmen.

Gold strengthens

Dollar mostly higher

LONDON, June 5. (Agencies): The dollar ended mostly higher in Europe today after uneven trading that reflected the mixed signals the market was receiving on the dollar's short-term direction.

Gold prices also rose. Concern about the violence in China heightened the dollar's role as a "safe-haven" currency, which was a bullish factor, dealers said. At the same time, a cut in the US prime rate to 11 per cent from 11.5 per cent by major US banks was a bearish factor, they said.

"There are too many signals in the market and therefore no clear direction," said Shani Shamah, corporate dealer at Continental Illinois Ltd in London.

The market's unsettled tone kept many corporate players on the sidelines, which resulted in thin volume, dealers said.

In London, the dollar gained against the British pound. It cost \$1.5815 to buy one pound, cheaper than \$1.5900 late Friday.

The banks did not say why they made the cut. But economists had forecast a trend towards lower rates amid much speculation that the US central bank, the Federal Reserve, would soon ease its monetary policy.

The dollar stood around 1.9565 West German marks and 141.40 Japanese yen at 1430 GMT, well off the morning lows in Europe of just below 1.94 marks and just over 140 yen. It had closed in London on Friday at 1.9575 and 141.85.

Gold — another traditional refuge for investors in times of crisis — was fixed in London in afternoon business at \$365.20 an ounce, down \$2.50 from the morning setting up still well up on Friday's close of \$361.75.

London's stock market was also hit by the unrest in China and by the effect this had earlier had on Asian stock markets, particularly in the British colony of Hong Kong.

By late afternoon the Financial Times stock exchange stood 15.2 points lower at 2,087.4. Among the falling shares were those companies with a large presence in Hong Kong, such as telecommunications group Cable and Wireless and bank group Standard Chartered.

Britain is set to hand the administration of Hong Kong over to China in 1997. Wall Street opened lower but began to recover after news that US bank interest rates were coming down.

Earlier during Asian trading, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index plunged 581.77 points, or 21.74 per cent, to 2,093.61 as the market took fright at the carnage in China. Since martial law was imposed on May 18, the Hang Seng index has tumbled by 36.12 per cent.

"It's all become Mickey Mouse numbers now," a Hong Kong broker said. "I don't expect any significant rebound until we find out who's in charge up there (in Beijing)."

In Tokyo, the world's biggest share market, the Nikkei Average fell 210.34 points or 0.62 per cent to close at 33,457.08.

"Institutional investors are holding to the sidelines until negative factors from abroad, such as the violence in China, are cleared," said Setsuo Watanuki, trader for Toyo Securities.

Oil prices firmed as traders anticipated that OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna would quickly reach agreement on an output ceiling for second half 1989, but trade was thin and uncertain.



A trader on the floor of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange during the session in which the main stocks indicator tumbled more than 500 points in less than an hour in a volatile reaction to the weekend bloodshed in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)

Beijing carnage sends HK stocks into plunge

Taipei shares dive

HONG KONG, June 5. (Reuters): Hong Kong's main stock indicator responded to the weekend carnage in Peking by plummeting 581 points, or 21 per cent, today, the biggest single-day fall since the October 1987 crash.

The Hang Seng index closed at 2,069.61. A plunge was expected but the magnitude took some by surprise. Despite calls for calm from senior financial figures in the British colony, the Hang Seng index dropped 100 points a minute at the opening of trade before steadying.

"It's moving on sentiment, not fundamentals," said Phillip Chan, manager, equities research at Mansion House Securities. "It's all become Mickey Mouse numbers now," a broker from a local securities house said. "I don't expect any significant rebound until we find out who's in charge in Peking."

Few were surprised at investors' jitters in the British colony, which in 1997 reverts to Chinese sovereignty. Hong Kong residents spent the weekend watching graphic news reports detailing how the Chinese Army slaughtered pro-democracy demonstrators early on Sunday.

Shortly before the market opened, stock exchange chief executive Francis Yuen gave a short speech calling for calm. He followed with a minute of silence on the trading floor to show respect for the hundreds of civilians killed in Peking.

Only concerted intervention, which brokers identified as coming from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Hong Kong's de facto central bank, prevented the market falling further, analysts said. In Taipei, the key weighted index plunged across the board with a record one-day fall of 455.44 points, or 4.8 per cent, close to the allowable maximum daily drop of five per cent, to end at 9,120.54 points.

"The bloodshed has a great and direct psychological impact on the local stock market," said Hsu Daw-Yi assistant vice-president of the King's Securities Investment Consulting Corporation.

Brokers said they expect the market to sink further in the next few days. On Saturday the Taipei index stood at 9,575.98. The previous record one-day fall, 335.16 points, was last Thursday.

Tokyo investors were also nervous. The key 225-share Nikkei index fell 210.34 points or 0.62 per cent to close at 33,457.08. It had dropped 313.93 points on Friday.

US banks cut prime interest rate to 11pc

NEW YORK, June 5. (Reuters): The leading US banks today cut their benchmark prime interest rates half a point to 11 per cent, responding to signs of sluggishness in the economy, in a reversal of a year-long rise in bank rates.

The rate cut was led by New York-based Citibank and quickly followed by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., Chase Manhattan Bank, Bankers Trust Co., Manufacturers Hanover Corp. and Chicago-based Continental Bank. All lowered their rates to 11 per cent from 11.5 per cent.

Citibank gave no reason for its move, but economists had expected banks to lower interest rates after two reports last week showing unexpectedly weak job growth in May and lower expectations on the economy among US purchasing managers.

The data added to evidence that the US economy is cooling, potentially leading the Federal Reserve Board to ease its year-long grip on credit. The central bank has pushed up interest rates over the past year to wring inflation out of the economy.

The Bush administration has been urging the Fed to relax credit to weaken the strong dollar and thus help reduce the \$ trade deficit. Higher interest rates make the dollar and dollar-denominated investments more attractive, but in turn make US exports more expensive.

US banks last changed their prime rates on February 24, when they raised them to 11.5 per cent from 11 per cent. They last lowered the prime on Feb 2, 1988, when they cut it to 8.5 per cent from 8.75 per cent.

Egypt can play more active role

Return to OAPEC

KUWAIT, June 5. (OPECNA): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) will benefit by Egypt's readmission to its ranks, especially in relation to OPEC/non-OPEC co-operation efforts, says an editorial in the current issue of OAPEC "Bulletin."

OAPEC members, the journal notes, though not all part of OPEC, are bound by its resolutions. "OAPEC's efforts aimed at achieving market stability and maintaining defensible price levels have focused on co-operation with non-OPEC producers... and as an active member... Egypt will now be able to play a more active role."

OAPEC readmitted Egypt on May 13 following a meeting of its ministerial council. Egypt's

membership was suspended after it signed US-sponsored peace accords with Israel.

The editorial argues that OAPEC's strength lies in the number of oil-producing and exporting Arab countries which belong to it, adding "the more numerous and committed its members, the more vigorous the manner in which the organisation can pursue its goals and implement its programme of action."

The "Bulletin" states: "Any interruption, for whatever reason, in the participation of a member country that honours its commitments, undoubtedly weakens the organisation." It points out that the local and international importance of each member country's petroleum

industry is determined by its reserves, production and exports of oil and gas. OAPEC provides a forum for member states to exchange their experiences, both positive and negative.

The editorial lists the objectives of the current OAPEC programme as: developing the Arab refining industry, monitoring the policies of oil-consuming countries and studying the impact of environmental issues on oil demand.

It also stresses that OAPEC-sponsored ventures "constitute a pillar of joint Arab action and a means of achieving Arab aspirations. The absence of any member from the ventures inevitably undermines pan-Arab development and limits the ventures' effectiveness on the national and pan-Arab level."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 5. (Reuters): Prices drifted down from early highs on lack of foreign buying interest, particularly from Hong Kong. The All Ordinaries index was up 3.3 at 1,534.8.

Tokyo: Prices fell sharply and brokers said there was no energy in the market, partly due to the situation in China. The Nikkei index fell 210.34 to 33,457.08.

Singapore: Stocks were sharply lower across the board in line with the plunge on the Hong Kong market. The Straits Times industrial index fell 33.84 to 1,271.37.

Bombay: Shares rose as the onset in southern India of monsoon rains pointed to a good year for India's agricultural economy and healthy demand for industrial goods. Tata Steel and Nocl shot up 50 rupees each to 1,300 and 875 respectively.

New strategy

Bankers sceptical over Brady debt plan

MADRID, June 5. (Reuters): US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady today urged commercial banks to back his plan for reducing the debts of Third World countries.

"Now is the time for commercial banks and the debtor countries to seize the opportunity," he said.

Brady was speaking at the opening session of the international monetary conference, a three-day gathering in Madrid of top officers from nearly 100 international banks organised by the American Bankers' Association.

But his remarks left many commercial bankers, especially from Europe, sceptical and some clearly hostile to the idea.

Brady said the new strategy would serve their interests.

"It allows for diversity — debt-reduction, debt-service reduction, or new money. Bankers that participate in debt reduction will hold new claims that are significantly enhanced," he said.

He said he had come to be convinced by Brady but had left the session thoroughly opposed.

"I can tell you for a fact that some of us called our negotiators over Mexico and gave them new instructions not to give in," the banker said. "Before I am hostile (about debt reduction). Now I am hostile."

Mexico, the Third World's second largest debtor after Brazil, is currently negotiating with banks a package of measures including a cut in the level of outstanding loans.

Those talks had been seen as the first test of the Brady plan, launched three months ago as one of the first initiatives of the new Bush administration.

It envisaged economic reform in debtor nations under surveillance by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), new loans and swapping debt for equity in industrial projects as well as formally cutting the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt.

But it was the debt reduction part which became the focus of attention and the central

part of Brady's remarks today.

Another senior banking official said he failed to see why the banks, not official institutions, should foot the bill.

The Brady plan was more concerned with US national security considerations — the likelihood of social unrest in Latin America — than financial policy, he added.

But the plan foresaw little more than guarantees for some bond issues and no significantly great role for the IMF and the World Bank, he said.

Brady told the meeting: "It is a simple truth that the cure for too much debt is not the addition of more debt... it is to your business judgement that I appeal today in asking that you move ahead."

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank PLC of Britain, asked why commercial banks should bear the debt reduction burden while loans by official institutions would not be written off.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	CHG
ABBV LIFE	269.0	
ADT LTD	181.0	
ALD LYONS	432.0	
AMSTRAD	92.0	
ARROYAL GP	206.0	
ASDA GP	174.0	
BAA	352.0	
BTR	356.0	
BAT INDS	592.0	
BARCLAYS	437.0	
BASS	930.0	
BEAZER	195.0	
BEECHAMS	604.0	
BELSFORD	148.0	
BICC PLC	507.0	
BLUE ARM	437.0	
BLUE CIRC	553.0	
BOD GP	278.0	
BOOTS CO	234.0	
BR INDS	169.0	
BR AIRWAY	193.0	
BR AEROSP	675.0	
BR GAS RG	174.0	
BR LAND	350.0	
B.P.	284.0	
BR STEEL	88.0	
BR TELCOM	247.0	
BURZIL	144.0	
BURMAN OL	583.0	
BURTON	206.0	
CABLEWIR	451.0	
CADBURYS	350.0	
CALOR GRP	380.0	
CRITON	843.0	
COATS VIT	159.0	
COOKSONS	322.0	
COURTAULD	331.0	
DALGETY	56.64	
DIXONS	143.4	
ENG CHINA	472.0	
ENTER OIL	532.0	
FT BARCK	165.4	
FERRANTI	99.0	
FISONS	301.0	
GATEWAY	205.0	
GEN ACCID	951.0	
GEN ELEC	251.0	
GLAND	342.0	
GRANDAD	358.0	
GLOBE	175.0	
GLYNED	290.0	
GUARD RYL	303.0	
GNIL	290.0	
GUINNESS	486.0	
HMMERS A	775.0	
HANSON	194.4	
HARRISON C	170.0	
HAKER STD	681.0	
HILLSDOWN	69.00	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	924.0	924.0
GOO GROUP	127.0	128.0
A.AMER TS	451.0	448.0
A.B.ELECT	383.0	383.0
A.S.W.HLD	279.0	279.0
A.H KENT	111.0	111.0
A.H HLD	389.0	388.0
AARONSON	102.0	102.0
ADNIST	174.0	173.0
ALEX MKW	200.0	200.0
ALLD COLL	145.0	145.0
ALLD IR B	155.0	155.0
ALLD IR N	155.0	156.0
ALLD LON	146.0	146.0
ALLD PART	72.0	72.0
ALLD TEXT	380.0	381.0
ALLIANCE	046.0	047.0
AMBER DAY	49.4	49.4
AMER TST	483.0	481.0
AMERSHAM	488.0	487.0
AMT HLTHC	354.0	354.0
ANGLIA SC	239.0	240.0
ANGLIA TV	280.0	280.0
ANSPACHER	76.0	76.0
APPLYARD	176.0	177.0
APV PLC	146.0	147.0
ASHLEY LA	104.0	103.0
ASR GROUP	246.0	247.0
AUTO REED	388.0	385.0
AUTO SECS	293.0	293.0
AVESCO	148.0	149.0
AVIS EUR	407.0	406.0
AVON RUBB	599.0	592.0
B.WEIMILL	250.0	257.0
BAILL JAP	509.0	501.0
BAILL SHI	94.0	91.0
BAIRD (W)	241.0	241.0
BANK IRE	291.0	291.0
BANKER IT	90.0	90.0
BARON GP	203.0	203.0
BART DEV	185.0	183.0
BAYNES C	34.0	35.0
BEA GROUP	196.0	195.0
BEAR BRID	11.6	11.6
BEATTIE J	143.0	143.0
BELHAVEN	52.4	53.0
BELLWAY	249.0	248.0
BENEFIT	241.0	241.0
BENLOX HD	62.0	62.0
BERKELEY	206.0	207.0
BHKE GROUP	130.0	130.0
BLK OF SCO	90.0	90.0
BLOCK LE 2	9.2	9.4
BR GROUP	487.0	488.0
BUNNETT + F	85.0	85.0
BOASE MAS	368.0	366.0
BODDINGTON	163.0	163.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1737.0	1745.5	1745.5	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1201.4	1201.4	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1084.39	1084.39	1085.59	926.59
FT GOV SEC	84.33	84.61	84.88	87.30
FT GOLD NW	175.5	171.4	171.5	161.9
FT MINES F	611.15	611.15	610.01	565.31
FT OIL	2011.9	2011.9	2021.4	1978.9
FT MLD DLR	142.88	141.96	142.45	141.17
FT MLD STG	133.06	133.80	134.30	123.81
FT MLD LOC	136.44	136.27	136.54	129.77

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS WEAK BUT OFF LOWS IN THIN LATE TRADE

LONDON, JUNE 5, REUTER - SHARES REMAINED WEAK THIS AFTERNOON IN VERY THIN TRADE AFTER A NERVOUS DAY WHEN STOCK MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD WERE DEPRESSED BY CONTINUING CHINESE UNREST IN CHINA. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S USE OF THE ARMY TO CRUSH DEMONSTRATIONS IN PEKING WIDENED A QUARTER OFF THE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG STOCK MARKET. THIS FURTHER DEPRESSED A LONDON MARKET ALREADY WORRIED THAT THE POUND'S SEEMINGLY INEXORABLE SLIDE WOULD SPARK YET ANOTHER RISE IN INTEREST RATES, DEALERS SAID.

BY 1455 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 14.9 POINTS EASIER AT 2087.7. STERLING FELL THROUGH A KEY RESISTANCE LEVEL AT 3.10 MARKS TODAY, HAVING BRIEFLY DONE SO LAST WEEK, AND ONLY BANK OF ENGLAND INTERVENTION STOPPED IT FALLING FURTHER, DEALERS SAID. DEALERS WERE ALL THE MORE ALARMED SINCE NEWS A NUMBER OF MAJOR U.S. BANKS HAD CUT THEIR PRIME RATES 1/2 POINT TO 11 PCT PROVIDED SURPRISINGLY LITTLE SUPPORT FOR THE POUND. "IF PRIME RATE CUTS AND BANK OF ENGLAND INTERVENTION CAN'T KEEP IT UP, WHAT CAN?" ASKED ONE DEALER.

THE PRIME RATE CUT ALSO HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON WALL STREET WHERE CONCERNS OVER THE CHINESE UNREST DRAGGED STOCKS LOWER.

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, June 5, (Reuters) - Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mostly steady today in quiet trade.

Dealers said banks were waiting to see the results of a rollover on Wednesday of 100 million dinars in 91-day treasury bills. On Thursday, 30 million dinars in one-year bonds will also be issued.

However, dealers said the new issues were unlikely to affect deposit rates.

Overnight maturities eased 3/4 point from Sunday to trade at seven per cent. Tomorrow's next was steady at 1/2 point and spot-near rose 1/4 point to 9-1/4-1/4. Dealers reported little if any trade in the fixed periods. One month eased 1/4 on the offer side of 9-1/2-1/4. Three months eased 1/8 point to 9-3/8-7/8. Six months and one year were steady at 9-1/4-7/8.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29528/38 from 0.29419/29 on Sunday.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal deposit rates were marginally firmer in a quiet market today, dealers said.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 5, REUTER - RATES IN THE BRITISH MONEY MARKET ENDED 1/8 POINT FIRMER AS THE POUND TESTED KEY SUPPORT AT 3.10 MARKS, DEALERS SAID.

THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK ENDED AT 14-1/8 14 PCT FROM 14-1/16 13-15/16 ON FRIDAY.

THE MARKET WAS UNDERPINNED, HOWEVER, BY A HALF POINT CUT IN MAJOR U.S. BANKS' PRIME RATE TO 11 PCT AND EXPECTATIONS THE FEDERAL RESERVE WILL NUDGE ITS RATES DOWN SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

MOST U.S. ECONOMISTS BELIEVE THE FED FUND RATE WILL EASE TO BETWEEN 9.25 AND 9.50 PCT FROM FRIDAY'S 9.75 PCT AVERAGE.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.589/905	1.9560/70	6.6390/20	6010
STG	1.9501/9581	3.1040/70	10.5350/500	610
DMK	1.6225/6345	3.099/113	29.39/55	610
FFR	2.6918/6945	10.516/534	339.16/8	610
SFR	1.6935/6945	2.6918/6945	86.59/69	610
IFL	2.1980	3.4940	112.685	33.205
ECU	1.06207	0.668601	2.07402	7.03995
SDR				
YEN	141.40/50	224.79/225.10		
SDR RATE	02/06/1989		05/06/1989	

BODY SHOP	589.0	590.0
BOOTH HENR	505.0	505.0
BORTHWICK	39.0	39.0
BR ARROW	114.0	113.0
BR ASSETS	78.4	77.4
BR DRETTA	178.0	176.0
BR VITA	263.0	263.0
BRENT CHE	147.0	146.0
BRENT WCR	387.0	386.0
BRIDON	198.0	199.0
BRITANNIC	166.0	166.0
BRITANNIC	395.0	397.0
BRIXTON E	389.0	388.0
BRN & JAC	41.4	41.0
BROWN SHI	351.0	350.0
BRYANT GP	104.0	104.0
BSG INTL	71.4	71.4
BSR INTL	58.0	56.0
BUDGENS	109.0	108.0
BULLOUGH	190.0	192.0
BULLMER HP	169.0	170.0
CAIRO GRP	496.0	495.0
CALENDONIA	272.0	273.0
CAMB ELEC	212.0	212.0
CAMFORD E	272.0	273.0
CANNING ST	205.0	206.0
CANNON ST	208.0	208.0
CAP-RADIO	382.0	382.0
CARDON	340.0	341.0
CARLCO EN	154.0	155.0
CARTLE HD	73.0	73.0
CAULDON	14.4	15.0
CENTL ITV	77.6	77.5
CHAM PHRR	214.0	213.0
CHARTERHA	21.6	21.6
CHLORIDE	40.0	39.0
CHRISTIES	256.0	255.0
CT GROUP	53.0	53.0
CLAYFORD	297.0	295.0
CONTR SEC	59.0	59.0
CNTRY OIL	182.0	181.0
COALITE	44.1	44.1
COATES BR	281.0	280.0
COLORADO	156.0	156.0
CONNELLS	231.0	232.0
COOPER F	140.0	140.0
COSTAIN	335.0	334.0
COURTS FR	194.0	193.0
COULTE CT	139.0	139.0
CRH	191.0	191.0
CRODA INT	195.0	195.0
CRYSTALAT	129.0	128.0
CTRY PROP	217.0	215.0
DARES EST	31.0	31.0
DAVIS GDD	161.0	160.0
DAVIS CORP	238.0	236.0
DANSON GP	132.0	135.0
DELTA GRP	319.0	317.0
DEVELOP	39.0	38.0
DEWHIRST	43.4	43.0
DIPLOMA	220.0	219.0
DORSON GP	97.4	97.4
DOWDAS GR	356.0	356.0
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DOXTY GRP	264.0	262.0
DRAYTON FE	423.0	408.0
DRAYTON F	534.0	536.0
DRG	490.0	488.0
DUMKISTR	74.0	74.0
DUNDEE LD	328.0	328.0
DUNHILL	321.0	318.0
EMAP	240.0	240.0
EMPIRE ST	177.0	177.0
ENG. INT. J	309.0	304.0
ETAN	170.0	180.0
EURO HOME	168.0	168.0
EUROTHORN	291.0	290.0
EUTRIL HT	137.0	138.0
EUTRIL HT	87.0	87.0
EVODE GRP	178.0	178.0
EX CO. LOU	241.0	241.0
EXPANET	229.0	229.0
F&C ENTER	33.4	33.4
F&C EURT	288.0	288.0
F&C PACIF	170.0	165.0
F&C SHLR	81.0	81.0
FARNELL E	170.0	170.0
FED. ROUSN	196.0	196.0
FENNER JH	177.0	177.0
FERGUSON	252.0	251.0
FINE ARTS	242.0	242.0
FINLAN GP	84.0	84.0
FINLAY J	108.0	109.0
FITCH LOV	272.0	273.0
FLM. H. INC	108.4	109.0
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FLM JAPN	244.0	242.0
FLM MRC	211.0	211.0
FLM TECH	190.0	189.0
FRIDLY HD	281.0	283.0
FRONROSE	506.0	506.0
GET INTL	138.0	138.0
GERDINAT	259.0	257.0
GETSTNER	287.0	287.0
GOODE DUR	126.0	125.0
GPE	41.0	40.0
GRANPH HD	223.0	223.0
GREEN KNG	508.0	508.0
GREENLL W	286.0	284.0
GREYCOAT	474.0	473.0
GRUP TV A	70.0	71.0
GT PRITLD	364.0	365.0
GUS ORD	613.0	600.0
GVT ORE	382.0	371.0
GVT STRA	234.0	234.0
HALMA	218.0	218.0
HAMERSON	828.0	820.0
HAYTHL H	71.0	71.0
HAZELWOOD	262.0	261.0
HEATHCOTE	481.0	482.0
HELENE PL	31.4	31.4
HELICAL B	332.0	332.0

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AUSTRALIA	304.10	305.30	305.30	284.0
AUSTRIA	320.10	317.90	315.90	287.9
BELGIUM	463.30	462.30	463.40	260.2
CANADA	405.10	404.20	402.70	386.8
DEMARC	607.70	603.60	609.30	336.6
FRANCE	502.50	495.70	494.00	464.4
GERMANY	222.40	221.00	220.00	206.7
HONG KONG	2034.6	2043.9	2085.9	2271.2
FINLAND	131.50	131.60	130.80	128.3
ITALY	468.70	466.20	469.00	471.2
JAPAN	1483.5	1495.2	1495.2	1483.6
HOLLAND	309.80	310.20	308.70	296.8
NEW ZEAL	89.60	89.80	89.40	90.3
NORWAY	800.90	798.50	795.10	751.0
SPAIN	262.10	262.40	263.20	245.1
SMEDEN	1282.3	1276.6	1278.5	1247.1
SWITZER	193.10	189.10	186.30	186.7
U K	635.20	636.00	639.80	632.9
U S A	299.70	296.40	294.90	270.9
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WORLD	913.90	912.80	913.60	959.2

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International Bond Highlights

HONG KONG: The bloodshed in Beijing is causing major problems for the Chinese government's financial arm — the Bank of China (BOC) group — with most foreign and local banks tightening credit lines to the group, banking sources told Reuters on Monday.

Madrid: US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady urged many of the world's top bankers to throw their weight behind his plan to reduce the debt owed by Third World countries.

Tokyo: Sumitomo Corp said it will issue 1.5 billion dollars in four-year warrant bonds through public placement in overseas markets excluding the US.

London: Ford Motor Credit Co, a unit of Ford Motor Co, will issue shortly a 200 mln dir Eurobond due June 29, 1992, bond market sources said.

Zurich: Credit Suisse said it has started a paperless short-term borrowing scheme denominated in marks for Canada's Export Development Corp.

Frankfurt: Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau (KfW), West Germany's state-owned development financing body, is issuing a 750 mln mark domestic bond with a 7-1/8 pct coupon priced at 100-3/4 over 10 years, KfW said in a statement.

Frankfurt: Fokker NV, the Dutch aviation concern, is issuing a 150 mln mark Eurobond with a 7-1/2 pct coupon priced at 102 for seven years, lead manager Commerzbank AG said.

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STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AGE	209.8	210.0
ALLIANZ VR	1780.0	1780.0
BADENWERK	202.0	196.5
BASF	313.4	314.0
BAYER	311.3	311.8
BAYER HYP	385.0	380.0
BAYER VER	384.0	376.5
BBC	440.0	447.0
BHF	452.0	452.0
BMW	573.0	563.5
COMMERZBK	241.0	239.0
CONTI GUMM	286.9	287.5
DATHEIM BEH	686.0	688.0
DEUTSC BNK	552.0	541.5
DLW	545.0	550.0
DRESDNER B	324.0	318.8
DT BARCKOW	170.5	170.5
FALZ INDEX	595.48	593.20
FELDMUEHLE	354.0	351.0
GOLDSCHEID	405.0	404.0
HANSEMER	455.0	454.0
HOECHST AG	516.0	518.5
HOECHST	262.0	263.0
HORTEN	265.5	269.0
HUSSEL HLD	575.0	574.0
KALIT SALZ	204.6	205.0
KARSTADT	527.5	524.4
KAUFHOF	480.0	480.0
KLOECK H	165.0	159.0
KLOECK W	163.0	162.5
LIUNDE	729.0	730.0
LUFTHANSA	185.5	184.8
MAN	300.9	300.0
MANHESMAN	244.5	246.5
MERCEDES	543.0	544.0
METALLGES	418.5	416.5
NIXDORF PF	301.2	306.0
NORSK HYD	45.20	44.10
PHILIP KOM	569.0	578.0
PORSCHCE	761.0	765.0
PREUSSAG	281.0	284.0
PUA	291.0	290.5
RHEINMETAL	424.0	419.0
RUE	290.0	290.8
RUE P	257.8	257.0
SALAMANDER	341.7	344.0
SCHERING	669.0	678.5
SEL	307.5	306.0
SIEMENS	549.5	551.0
THYSEN	252.2	255.0
VARIA	368.0	369.0
VEBA	297.0	298.5
VEB	193.0	186.3
VOLKSWAGEN	395.0	397.3

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
BANK EA	12.20	15.80
CANY	7.65	9.05
CAVENDISH	222	297
CHEUNG K	6.35	8.70
CHINA L-P	11.10	13.30
DAIRY FARM	540	690
EVERGOLD	1.29	2.12
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	93.61	75.38
HAECO	14	19
HANG LUNG	3.02	4.72
HENDERSON	3.15	4.77
HK BANK	4.95	5.85
HK ELEC	6.55	7.40
HK GAS	13.80	17.70
HK LAND	7.00	8.90
HK TELECOM	4.30	4.90
HK-S HOTEL	3.80	5.00
HOPEWELL	1.52	2.32
HS BANK	19.00	22.90
HUTCHINSON	6.80	9.60
HYSON DEV	.95	1.37
JAR MATH	14.30	19.20
JSH	8.30	11.10
KAI SUN	75	127
MANDARIN O	0	0
MIRAMAR	4.55	6.40
NEW WORLD	7.25	9.95
PAUL Y CON	.60	1.03
SHK PROP	7.35	10.80
STELLUX	1.50	2.20
SWIRE A	13.20	17.80
TAI CHEUNG	2.67	4.00
TV-B	.80	1.08
UNARF	6.90	9.00
WINSON	6.35	8.60
WORLD INTL	2.40	3.70

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1460	1450
			MITSUB EL <th>1170</th> <th>1200</th>	1170	1200
AJJINOMOTO	2680	2690	MITSUB EST <th>2370</th> <th>2370</th>	2370	2370
AKAI ELEC	820	840	MITSUB HVY <th>1160</th> <th>1160</th>	1160	1160
AKAI	1360	1380	MITSUB CO <th>1040</th> <th>1070</th>	1040	1070
ASARI GLS	2250	2280	MITSUKOSHI <th>2390</th> <th>2370</th>	2390	2370
ASARI OPT	937	920	MITSUMI EL <th>1000</th> <th>1040</th>	1000	1040
BANK TOKYO	1630	1630	NICHICON	1750	1740
BRIDGESTON	1610	1620	NICHON CMNT <th>1170</th> <th>1180</th>	1170	1180
CANON	1860	1890	NKKO SEC <th>1750</th> <th>1780</th>	1750	1780
CASTO COMP	1460	1470	NIP ELEC	1890	1880
CHUGAI PHM	1720	1730	NIP KKOKAN	866	868
CITIZEN W	1170	1150	NIP OIL	1460	1440
D-ICHI KAN	3350	3330	NIP STEEL	864	865
DAI NIP IX	900	903	NIP YUSEN	1000	1020
DAI NIP PT	2380	2380	NIS MOTOR	1590	1650
DAI NIP SC	1220	1230	NOMURA SEC	3280	3310
DAI NIP TO	980	971	OHBA CO	1240	1170
DAICEL	1030	1050	OLYMPIA	1350	1390
DAIMA B.	2130	2150	PENTA-DCN	1420	1410
DAIMA SEC	2070	2120	PIONEER	3620	3650
DAISAI	1980	1970	RENOWN E	1090	1100
DAIWA	1570	1590	RICHL	1280	1300
FUJII BANK	3450	3520	SANKYO	2330	2390
FUJII PHOTO	4020	4140	SANYO ELEC	953	983
FUJISAMA	1720	1730	SEIYU ST	2200	2220
FUJITA CP	1840	1840	SEKISUI PB	1990	2010
HITACHI	1650	1690	SHARP	1410	1460
HONDA MOT	1990	2030	SHIEMIDO	1690	1710
ISETAN	2530	2460	SONY	7810	7850
ITO YOKADO	3850	3830	SUNTECH	1280	1280
JAP SYN RU	1190	1180	TAISEI	1620	1620
JAPAN AIR	16600	16900	TAISHO MEN	1290	1300
JAPAN MET	1050	1000	TAKEEDA CH	2330	2350
KAJIMA	2050	2080	TEIJIN	878	871
KANSAI EL	4540	4550	TKO NEW IX	486.57	501.56
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KANASAKI H	1110	1150	TOKYO ELEC	1280	1260
KAWASAKI S	961	971	TOKYO GAS	1060	1080
KIRIN BEV	1950	1950	TOKYO POWR	5820	5900
KOMATSU	1260	1300	TORAY IND	1000	994
KUBOTA LTD	1240	1220	TOSHIBA EL	1440	1460
KYOCERA	5320	5260	TOTO	2360	2410
MAKITA EL	1870	1900	TOYO KKOGY	1020	1030
MARUI	2810	2790	TOYOTA MOT	2680	2740
MATSUTA EI	2440	2490	YAMAHA	1420	1460
MATSUDA EL	0	2660	YAMAICHI	1780	1770
MEIJI SEIK	1120	1110	YAMANOUCHI	3490	3490
			YAMAZAKI	1590	1560

Banks must do more to help Third World: IMF

WASHINGTON, June 5. (AP): Commercial banks must do more soon to help Third World countries reduce their debts, the head of the International Monetary Fund said last week, echoing the United States position.

IMF managing director Michel Camdessus, in some of his toughest comments on the subject, told a gathering of bankers in Paris that "the time has come for the large international banks to increase their contribution" to the debt reduction programme unveiled by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady on March 10.

"It is urgent to set the strategy in motion without delay," Camdessus said in a speech to the French bankers association. The text of his remarks was released in Washington.

The Brady plan encourages banks to forgive a substantial portion of their loans to heavily indebted countries such as Mexico in return for guarantees that the rest will be repaid.

Those guarantees are to be furnished by the IMF and its sister international lending agency, the World Bank.

Camdessus said that lengthy negotiations between commercial banks and the debtor countries over terms would jeopardise the whole strategy, given the perilous economic condition facing many of the debtor countries.

Camdessus' remarks echoed statements made last week by US Treasury Undersecretary David C. Mulford, who blamed the slow pace in getting the debt reduction effort under way on foot-dragging by the banks.

If the banks fail to co-operate, Mulford said, they could face the grim prospect that the debtor nations might decide to stop paying on their loans. An impasse between the banks and debtor nations could trigger a "legislated or mandated solution to the problem that may be very much more unpleasant" for the banks, Mulford warned.

Commercial banks have complained that they can't accept major reductions in principal and interest payments because they are not being offered sufficient financial incentives to do so by the IMF and the World Bank.

But in his Paris speech, Camdessus said that the banks needed to give up this "illusion" that delay in reaching agreement on debt reduction proposals being made by the heavily indebted countries will force an increase in the amount the IMF and other public agencies are willing to contribute toward debt reduction.

The IMF is "not equipped to do more," Camdessus said, adding that for the Brady approach to succeed it would need equal efforts on the part of creditor and debtor countries, the commercial banks and the international lending organisations such as the IMF.

GCC customs taxes to be reviewed

RIYADH, June 5. (KUNA): The financial and economic committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council countries will begin their 22nd meeting at the general secretariat headquarters in Riyadh on June 7-8.

Ministers of commerce and economy will discuss various issues including the secretariat general's working agenda concerning unifying of customs taxes of GCC states.

Discussions will also centre on the outcome of the 14 session of the GCC countries custom directors and report of the technical committee, set up to discuss regulations for tax exemptions on GCC-countries industrial products.

Among the issues to be touched in the meeting is the regulation of state ownership, and facilitating marketing of products of GCC companies in member states.

The six GCC states are, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Plans to raise ship tolls

PANAMA CITY, Panama, June 5. (AP): The commission that administers the Panama Canal has announced that its board of directors plans to raise tolls 9.8 per cent for ships using the link between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

A toll increase must be ratified by US President George Bush. If approved, it would go into effect beginning in October, the US-Panamanian commission said in a statement yesterday.

Public hearings are expected to begin on July 6 in Washington to allow the maritime industry and other groups air their opinions, the commission said.

China crackdown discourages Japanese investors

TOKYO, June 5. (Reuters): China's crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators has already begun to discourage nervous Japanese investors from putting their money into the country, businessmen and officials in Tokyo said today.

Prices for bonds issued in Japan by China dropped sharply as investors staged a buyers' boycott after weekend news that Chinese troops had killed countless demonstrators in Peking.

"This was a big shock for Japanese firms," said an official with the Japan External Trade Organisation. "There cannot help but be an impact."

Plans for a joint group to encourage

direct Japanese investment in China were put on hold indefinitely because of the unrest, a Japanese trade official said.

Spokesman for major trading houses and manufacturers said they had no plans so far to pull out employees from China, but several said they were cancelling planned business trips for the immediate future.

The Japanese government has also delayed sending a small technical mission to China this week for aid talks, largely out of safety fears, a Foreign Ministry official said.

The steep drop in bond prices — as much as 170 points in one case — led

securities dealers to warn that a planned 15 billion yen (\$105 million) issue by one Chinese province be postponed.

Even before the weekend crackdown on students, China's political chaos was having an impact on plans for new investment or business.

A spokesman for the Export-Import Bank of Japan said talks with China on energy loans had come to a standstill.

"China is one of our most important clients, with many projects in the pipeline and under discussion," said the spokesman for the government-owned bank. "For the time being, we are obliged to stop negotiations," he said, adding that there was no-one to

negotiate with.

An Omron Tateisi Electronics Company spokesman said a plan to open a consulting office in Peking had been delayed repeatedly by government and building authorities, and the company had no idea when it would go ahead.

Talks between Matsushita Electric, the world's biggest consumer products company, and Chinese authorities about possible production of video tape recorders in China have also been stalled by the unrest, a Matsushita spokesman said.

"Of course we can't negotiate now, so we can't say whether the project will go ahead," he said.

Watari Sugichiro, an adviser to Toshiba Corporation's Board, has cancelled a trip to Beijing at the request of the Chinese and Toshiba has put off sending more engineers to help build a joint venture colour television picture tube plant in Shanghai, a spokesman said.

A Bank of Tokyo spokesman said the bank was still waiting for Chinese approval of a plan to set up a finance company in Shanghai jointly with the China International Trust and Investment Corporation (Holdings), the China Construction Bank and several other foreign banks.

"If government functions are

paralysed, approval could be delayed," the spokesman said.

Spokesman for major companies said they had no plans to pull out of projects already under way.

A Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) official said chaos and uncertainty would force companies to re-evaluate plans. "This is going to have a major psychological impact and those who were thinking of investing will hesitate," the MITI official said.

"No one will pull out immediately, but they will have to think about it," the Japan External Trade Organisation official said.

Bankers urged to move debt plan forward

Brady gains support

MADRID, June 5. (UPI): US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said today his plan to reduce the developing world's \$1.2 trillion debt has gained important support and he called on key world bankers meeting in Madrid to move the plan forward.

Brady said the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and Paris Club, which represents governments of 14 industrial nations, have acted in recent weeks to support debt and debt-service reduction between debtor nations and commercial banks.

"It is to your business judgment that I appear today in asking that you move ahead" with the plan, Brady told about 200 bankers from 22 nations attending the annual international monetary conference.

Commercial banks in the United States, Europe and Japan are owed the bulk of the \$1.2 trillion debt incurred by developing nations, \$420 billion by Latin America alone.

The foreign debt crisis has triggered poverty, economic misery and violence across the southern hemisphere.

The Geneva-based International Labour Organisation

said the percentage of Latin Americans living in poverty jumped from 33 per cent to 39 per cent in the first half of the 1980s.

In Venezuela, which has \$33 billion worth of foreign debt, protests of IMF policies in February caused about 300 deaths.

Soaring inflation and severe austerity policies caused riots across Argentina, which owes \$60 billion, killing at least 15 people last week.

Top officials of the World Bank and the IMF in Madrid are expected to announce Wednesday a major debt reduction compromise for Mexico, the world's second largest debtor nation with \$104 billion debt. Brazil owes \$120 billion.

The plan is expected to set a precedent for the repayment of other nations' debts.

The Brady plan announced March 10 included a provision for the IMF and World Bank to provide funding as part of their lending programmes to finance debt cutting plans in debtor nations and to support interest payments by the countries to commercial banks.

Brady defended his plan before several sceptical bankers



Nicholas Brady

who wanted more specifics about the programme to reduce the estimated \$1.2 trillion debt among developing nations.

"I don't say it's a perfect process, I say it's a better process," Brady said.

He acknowledged in answer to a banker's question that new loans would be needed for debtor nations, but he said the loans could come as debtor nations

strengthened their economies by reducing their debt under his plan.

"Those (debtor) countries that look on this as an opportunity to misbehave are going to be at the end of the line," Brady warned.

Only debt reduction schemes based on sound economic programmes should be approved, he said.

Hydroelectric project construction

Suspension approved

BUDAPEST, Hungary, June 5. (AP): Parliament on Friday approved a government decision to suspend construction on the Hungarian section of a mammoth hydroelectric project, pending examination of charges that it would cause massive environmental damage.

The 380-member legislature voted with 30 abstentions to support the government decision following about 90 minutes of intense debate over the projected dam on the Hungarian and Czechoslovak parts of the Danube river.

In an unusual move in a Soviet bloc country, one legislator served notice he planned to introduce a no-confidence vote against Environment Minister Laszlo Marothy later in the month if he got the necessary support of 20 per cent of fellow deputies.

The legislator, Gaspar Koeroes, asked Marothy to resign voluntarily on the last day of a four-day legislative session — most of it carried live by state television.

Earlier, talking to reporters during a break in the proceedings, he said "Marothy failed to properly inform the House on Oct 6," when the legislature approved a government request to continue construction of the controversial project.

The government on May 13 announced the immediate suspension of the scheme to build a dam and power station on the Danube, about 30 miles (50 kilometres) upstream from Budapest.

The decision delighted environmentalists, who have said the Nagymaros Dam scheme will destroy wetlands and their unique wildlife, and who have gathered hundreds of thousands of signatures against construction.

But it angered Czechoslovakia, a Soviet bloc ally and power project partner, which has finished much of its part of construction further upstream. Hungary currently is examining its legal options with Czechoslovakia if it decides to permanently shelve its portion of the project.

There were widespread protests following the October 6 vote that the ruling Hungarian Socialist Workers' (Communist) Party — and Marothy in particular — manipulated the balloting.

The minister rejected all wrongdoing on Friday. Accusing unnamed former orthodox communists of being two-faced in their new reformist zeal, he reminded them that they "earlier would go into a shoe store and buy two left shoes, so they would not be accused of taking a step to the right."

Official crackdown

Zambia's markets under siege

LUSAKA, June 5. (Reuters): Zambia's markets, traditional African places to sell, barter and gossip, are under siege.

Successful police raids against alleged black marketeers at marketplaces around the country are squeezing the life out of a form of trade that has lasted for centuries all over Africa.

While in neighbouring states increased business at local markets is taken as a sign of an improving — if not fully supervised — economy, Zambia's once-thriving town markets are visibly shrinking as a result of the official crackdown.

In what has become a familiar ritual in Lusaka and other Zambian towns over the last year, truckloads of paramilitary police wearing distinctive orange berets descended on scores of open-air markets in the last week of May, rounding up shoppers and vendors to be questioned and identified.

Their mission was to seize black marketeers selling maize meal, "salaula" (second hand clothes), "saladi" (cooking oil), sugar, salt, soap, washing powder and other essential goods whose prices are strictly controlled by the government.

Dozens of illegal traders, who either did not have licences to sell or were overcharging, were caught in the police dragnet.

But police methods are angering ordinary Zam-

bians and economists say the raids do not touch the root causes of rampant black marketing and smuggling in Zambia.

"The police beat people with their fists and rifle butts," Steve, a trader in Lusaka's city centre market, told Reuters.

"Apart from the minority of black marketers, many innocent people suffer as well... there is a great outcry, people are not happy," he added. Angry traders stoned cars in Lusaka's Lilanda market after a police raid there.

Economists at Western embassies in Zambia say the problem can only be tackled with practical economic measures, such as easing price controls and finding a realistic exchange rate for the Zambian kwacha, which they say is heavily overvalued.

"There is no country in the world where cracking down on black-marketing has resolved the problem... if there is a profit to be made then it will continue," said one European economist, who asked not to be named.

Western diplomats said rounding up the jobless "mishanga boys" (cigarette boys) and other petty traders at the markets did little to solve Zambia's chronic unemployment and could push the youths into more serious crime.

Top automaker

Service training centre planned

NAGOYA, Japan, June 5. (UPI): Japan's top automaker Toyota Motor Corp. said today it will build a service training centre in Bahrain to strengthen its high technology service capabilities in the Middle East.

The Nagoya-based company said the \$3.4 million centre will provide training in the latest vehicle technologies and diagnostic skills to technicians of Toyota distributors and fleet owners in the Middle East.

The centre, located in the outskirts of Manama, will be equipped with a workshop and lecture room for service training as well as other facilities with electronic and other state-of-the-art equipment, the company said.

The new facility is scheduled to be completed in early 1990, it said.

Domestic sales of new motor vehicles in May soared 21.0 per cent over a year ago to hit a high for the month but those of mini vehicles of 550 cc or less fell for the second straight month, industry reports said today.

The Japan Automobile Dealers Association said in a revised report that vehicle sales totalled 418,622 units.

Passenger car sales accounted for 308,405 passenger cars, up 28.2 per cent, the association said.

Sales of cars with an engine size of over 2,000 cc jumped 64.8 per cent to 19,734 units while those of smaller cars rose 26.3 per cent to 288,671 units, it said.

Sales of trucks increased 5.0 per cent to 108,736 units while sales of buses fell 11.4 per cent to 1,481 units, the association said.

World Bank loan for Turkey project

Bid to boost industry

WASHINGTON, June 5. Turkey will develop small- and medium-sized industries (SMIs) through a project that is expected to boost exports and generate jobs. The World Bank is supporting the project with a loan of \$204.5 million, according to World Bank News.

Turkey has targeted SMIs, which constitute 89 per cent of all private manufacturers, for growth. The \$506 million project aims at expanding and modernizing SMIs by promoting efficient investments and operations and increasing the number of financial institutions that offer credit to these industries.

Support will be provided by making credit available at market prices, improving product quality, expanding markets, and enhancing policymaking through reliable

statistics. The World Bank loan will provide lines of credit to participating lending institutions which will in turn finance investments to small- and medium-scale manufacturers.

Manufacturers will receive technical and marketing support services to help them upgrade product quality and expand marketing links with export trading companies.

Small and medium industries (SMIs) have contributed to robust industrial development in Turkey by generating employment from expanded labour-intensive production, strengthening industrial links and serving as a training ground for new firms.

The growth of employment in small (10-49 employees) and medium firms (50-99 employees)

averaged nearly 5 per cent and more than 4 per cent, respectively, during 1980-85.

In comparison, employment in large firms grew by just over 2 per cent. SMIs in Turkey are active in the auto, appliance, textile and garment industries.

Nearly all Turkish SMI enterprises are in the private sector. In 1985, the public sector accounted for less than 4 per cent of SMI establishments. 4.5 per cent of employment and 4.2 per cent of SMI value added.

Of the more than 10,000 private-sector firms (with more than 10 workers) in the manufacturing sector in 1985, nearly 8,000 (almost 80 per cent) were small-sized enterprises, more than 1,000 medium-sized and about 1,200 employed 100 or more workers.

Talent-hunting businesses

Subsidiaries of Recruit accused

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5. (AP): Two US subsidiaries of Recruit Co., the conglomerate at the centre of a scandal that brought down Japan's prime minister, have been accused by the US government of discrimination in their talent-hunting businesses.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said it believed company documents would "demonstrate a shocking pattern of race, sex, national origin and age discrimination."

One Los Angeles-based company, Interplace Transworld Recruit, had an elaborate code system that identified a client's preferences for a certain type of executive or technical employee, said the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in US district court papers.

For example, the EEOC said, "See Adam" on a company document meant the client would prefer or require a male employee — "Suite 20-35" meant the employee should be 20- to 35-years-old; "Talk to Mariko" meant the employer would accept or prefer Japanese, and "Talk to Maryanne" meant blacks would be accepted or preferred.

In addition, the commission said, a second Los Angeles firm, Recruit USA, was hired by IBM Japan to fill IBM positions in Japan and screen out all non-Asians, according to a company memorandum of a high-level meeting.

John Shiner, a lawyer for the Recruit companies,

did not return a telephone call Friday.

Recruit USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Japanese-based Recruit Co., and Interplace Transworld is a partially owned subsidiary, said John Pemberton, regional attorney for the EEOC.

On Tuesday, US district Judge Stanley Weigel of San Francisco issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the two subsidiaries from altering, destroying, or taking out of the country any documents that relate to the alleged discrimination.

Pemberton said documents obtained by the commission name five clients of the Recruit subsidiaries in the United States and Japan, during a period of several months last year. He said the EEOC has filed no charges against the clients, in part because of uncertainty about jurisdiction over activities in Japan.

The Los Angeles Times quoted IBM Japan spokesman Mac Jeffrey as saying the company did not discriminate and never even hinted to Recruit USA to screen out certain applicants.

Recruit Co., based in Tokyo, started as a small employment information service in 1962 and has become a large owner of publishing, finance and real estate businesses.

The company's founder, Hiromasa Ezoe, is one of five executives charged in Japan with bribery and securities law violations.

Protests may not deflect Nigerian economic reform

Austerity plan could slow the pace

LAGOS, June 5. (Reuters): Riots sweeping south west Nigeria against the military government's economic austerity programme could slow the pace of belt-tightening reforms, but were unlikely to alter their direction, economic analysts said yesterday.

The government might delay withdrawing subsidies for petrol and some public utilities, as demanded by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, they said.

But Nigeria could not afford a return to previous policies, with an over-valued currency and heavy subsidies to poorly managed state enterprises.

"The crisis may slow down the process of implementing reforms but is unlikely to shift the direction of government policy," economist Isaac Aluko-Olokin said.

Fourteen people have died in protests over the past two weeks against the government's Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP).

With oil revenues slumping to a quarter of their level in the early 1980s, most analysts agreed that there was no alternative to a fundamental and painful restructuring of the country's import dependent economy, burdened with a foreign debt of about \$30 billion.

"The structural adjustment programme is here to stay. It is the credibility of the leadership that has been put on the line and not the need for change," said one economist.

Analysts said that to avoid further riots the government must address the social aspects of adjustment, for example by tackling joblessness and a serious lack of public transport.

This will be a problem for civilian politicians, who are due to take over from the military in 1992 at the end of a phased programme to introduce two-party democracy to the West African state, they said.

Kanmi Ademiluyi, an economist and former newspaper editor, said future civilian rulers, gearing up for the country's third attempt at democracy since independence in 1960, may well play to the gallery during election campaigns.

But by the time they were in power the economic reforms would be so entrenched that a reversal would be extremely difficult.

Plan to expand trade relations

LAGOS, June 5. (OPECNA): Nigeria and Yugoslavia are to expand bilateral ties through the elimination of trade barriers, Yugoslavian ambassador Vlatko Cotic said here yesterday.

The ambassador stated that his country was interested in Nigeria's "priority" non-oil sector, especially agriculture and industries associated with it.

He said co-operation would be enhanced by eliminating the current system whereby many Yugoslavian goods found their way to Nigeria through a third country.

The two countries, he stressed, should deal "more directly" in accordance with their 1964 trade agreement and an accord on technical and scientific co-operation signed in 1980.

Yugoslavia had a wealth of technological know-how to share with Nigeria, especially in electricity power generation and transmission of supplies, the envoy added.

The two countries were working on other agreements including maritime and air service projects. At present, Yugoslavia imports palm oil and kernel, cotton, cocoa and agricultural products from Nigeria in return for pharmaceuticals, fertilizer and domestic appliances, he said.

COCOM sets key October talks

PARIS, June 5. (Reuters): President George Bush's call for a unified Europe will be put to the test at a key autumn meeting when the West argues what technology to let into the East bloc, diplomats said yesterday.

They said the 17-nation Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), which vets technological exports to the Soviet Union and other Eastern European states, has agreed to a high-level meeting on October 25 and 26.

It will be the first major policy session since January 1988 and senior government officials, led by West Germany, are expected to argue for a further loosening

of restrictions on trade with their Eastern neighbours.

"The October meeting will be a test for American attitudes and will be the point at which all the theories on Bush's new attitude are confirmed or dashed," said one delegate.

In a major policy speech in West Germany on Wednesday, Bush said the ultimate goal of US diplomatic offensive was a free, unified Europe and the full integration of the Soviet Union into the world community.

But tension still exists between the United States, reluctant to lift controls too quickly, and its allies, keen to recognise East bloc reforms and open up new markets.

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Former students bid farewell to Rodgers

A friendly meet

By Manal Elsheikh
Arab Times staff

TWENTY years ago, A.J. Rodgers left Kampala, Uganda to come to Kuwait. He had been a headmaster, of many years of service, to the only Muslim co-educational boarding school in East Africa. Two of his former A-level students, Abu Baker Mukasa and Badru Kateregga bid him farewell at the airport. Rodgers thought he would never see any of his old students or friends again.

Education in Uganda was costly and a student who wished to school, had to work first, save enough money and then enroll himself in school. A student, therefore would be rather old when taking their A-levels. In Uganda, it was usually between 22 to 23 years compared to the standard 17 to 18 years of age.

A few months ago, Rodgers, now the director of the New English School, was casually looking through a book listing all the diplomats of the Gulf, when he came across very familiar names to solid people, but eventually pictures of A-level history students, who he taught a decade ago, came to mind.

Curiosity then played a great role. One of Rodgers' good friends, Karim Al Hajaj, was



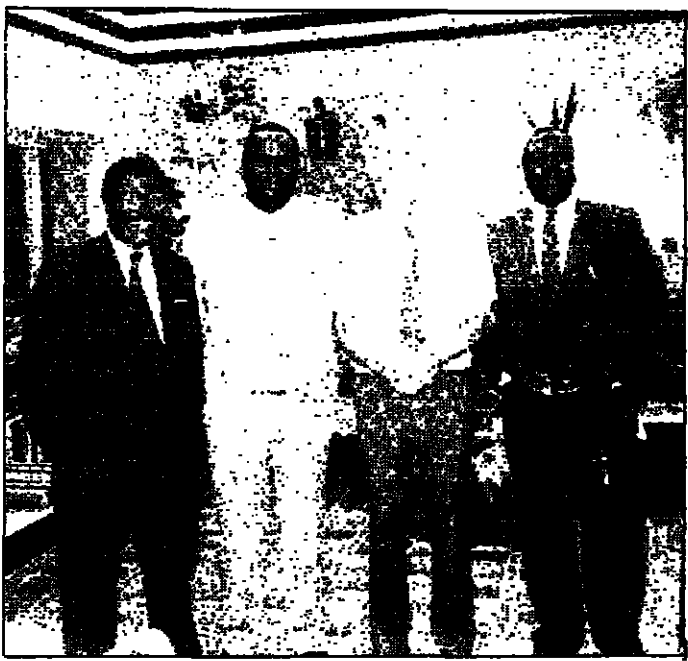
Picture shows (from left to right), Nancy Al Hajaj, HE Al Haj Badru Kateregga, Karim Al Hajaj, A.J. Rodgers, Abu Baker Katume Mukasa.

leaving to Saudi Arabia where the concerned were. Rodgers asked Hajaj to ring up the Embassy of Uganda and find out if the names fit the people he was thinking of. They did. Rodgers soon got a very warm phone call from long-lost students and friends.

Last month, the visit of an official delegation from the

Republic of Uganda to Kuwait provided the sentimental reunion of the old friends and acquaintances.

The delegation consisted of Abu Mayanja, who was a highly placed official in Uganda Ministry of Education, Deputy Prime Minister, Abu Baker Katume Mukasa, Deputy Minister of Finance,



Picture shows (from left to right), Abu Mayaja, HE Al Haj Badru Kateregga, A.J. Rodgers, Abu Baker Katume Mukasa.

and HE Al Haj Badru Kateregga, Uganda's ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Gulf states.

The delegation devoted a whole day of their visit to Kuwait at Rodgers' residence in Jabriyah. The friends exchanged reminiscences about Uganda and Kampala in

general, and about Kibuli School in particular. Hajaj and his wife also spent part of the day with them.

Rodgers, who has watched many students grow, learn, graduate and disappear into the wide world, is always happy to know how his students cope after leaving the New English School.

Dramatic society elects officers

THE Kuwait Dramatic Society (KDS) elected the new office bearers for the year 1989/90 at their 39th annual general body meeting held recently at the Unity Centre Assembly Hall, Ahmadi.

K.T. Varghese was elected honorary president. The other officers are P.K. Sathesh (secretary); G.C. Mathew (joint secretary) and E.V. Nambuthiri (treasurer).

The committee comprises P.S. Nathan, V.A. Murugan, V.N.S. Nair, Baby Thomas and M.A. Thankappan. The auditors are V.K. Varma and P. Vijayan.

This marks the 40th anniversary of the society, which staged its first production, a Malayalam drama "Pranayambavan" in February 1950 at the Indoor Cinema Hall in Ahmadi.

The election was followed by a variety show and dinner. The programme included dances by children and vocal music. The highlight of the show as a one-act play "Shrishti," staged by members of the society.

Indian embassy First Secretary Varghese Gee distributed prizes to the lucky winners.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Bulet Juice
Starring: Michael Keaton, Ila Baldwin, Gina Davis
Al Sahmiya
Nuts
Al Hamra
Suspect
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Cher
Drive-In
Hasrat Al Habaeb (Arabic)
Starring: Yunus Shalabi, Saeed Saleh, Najwa Foad
Al Firdous
Gunahon Ka Faisla (Hindi)
Starring: Shatrughan Sinha,

Dimple Kapadia
Fahadhel Open-Air
Phir Wohi Raat (Hindi)
Fahadhel
Overboard
Jahra
Teen Kenya
Granada
New Delhi (Hindi film)
Salaikhat
Big Business
Jeeb
Julie
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic film

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Piano concert
JUNE 7 at 7.30 pm: Famous Turkish pianist Ms Arin Karamursel will give a performance at the Ballroom 'A' of the Kuwait Sheraton. Tickets are KD5 per person followed by a reception. For reservation contact 2422055 ext 104/107/109.

Musical evening
JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funsites at 6.30.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.14 am
Zuhr	11.46
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.45
Isha	8.16

pm.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibachoo Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

FILMS

British Council
JUNE 11/12: Tootsie is this month's feature film at the British Council, Mansouriya. Dustin Hoffman plays Tootsie. Desperate, he took a female role and became a star. Also stars Sydney Pollack, who also directs, and Jessica Lange. It will be shown at 6.30 pm on both nights. Duration 112 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

SOCIAL

Milad mahfil
JUNE 9: Bangladesh Association will organise a Milad mahfil at 5 pm on Friday at the new Bangladesh embassy premises in Khalidiya. All Bangladeshis are cordially invited.

The new address of the embassy: Plot 83, Block 1, Road 14, Building 3 (just opposite to the bus stop near the KTC garage, Shurwaikh).

Hash House Harriers
JUNE 10 (Wednesday): Kuwait Hash House Harriers will hold their 250th run and celebration dinner on Wednesday. Current and past members welcome. Tel: 5711209 after 2 pm for details.

Bangladeshi get-together
BANGLADESHI Engineers

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.20 Sabah Al Khir Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.15 Hikayat Sakhina: Arabic serial (Part 4)
11.15 Al Theeb Wa Oyoon Al Madina: Arabic serial (Part 4)
12.05 Sabah Al Khir News
12.10 Varieties
12.15 Hikayat Ma'a Al Nojoom: Variety programme with guest star Faten Hamama
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World News via Satellite
1.30 Faloona: Cartoon serial
2.00 Varieties
2.15 Abu Awwad: Arabic serial (Part 4)
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme
3.30 Cartoon serial
4.00 Fatah Tahta Al Ikhtiyar: Arabic feature, starring Hala Fuad, Khaled Zaki, and Hussain Al Sharbeeni
6.00 Cartoons
7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: Historical serial (Part 1), starring Rashed Alama, Nida' Al Sabiq and Mohammed Ibrahim
7.55 Al Alam Min Hawliya: Cultural programme
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Layali Al Hilmiya:

Daily Arabic serial (Part 24)
10.45 Ihtimalat: Cultural programme, presented by Sabah Al Jazairi, Ayman Zaidan, and Ala' Al Deen Kokash. Starring Assad Fidha, Malek Sokar, and Hani Al Roomani
12.00 News Summary and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Pink Panther and Son: cartoon series
6.30 Captain Power: Episode 9. Captain Power and his team discover strong energy readings on Captain Dread's radio.
7.00 Documentary
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Fourth Arm: The head of the team of secret agents attempts to resign, but his resignation is rejected.
9.30 Mutual of Omaha: "The Land of the Links." A look at wildlife surrounding the lakes of Canada.
10.00 Everything's Relative: "The Mom Who Came to Dinner." Julian and Scott invite their mother to stay with them after a burglary attempt in her home. Soon, they dis-

cover they have an unwelcome guest on their hands. Comedy. Starring: John Bolger, Anne Jackson, Jason Alexander.

10.30 Midnight Caller: Radio host Killian interviews a man sentenced to death. Public opinion is strong for and against the death sentence.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Dubai Pharmacy
Souk Wagef, Algiers St.
Al Omar Pharmacy
Awkaf Bldg, Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Qatami Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Al Rashed Pharmacy
Abdullah Rashed Bldg, Amman St.
Fahadhel and Ahmadi
Al Imaam Pharmacy
Makkah St.
Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
Al Ayoub Pharmacy
Shuwaikh Commercial Centre, Main St.
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
Area 4, Qittah 48



UK travel agents visit Kuwait

A party of travel agents from Newcastle Upon Tyne recently visited Kuwait and stayed at Messilah Beach Hotel as guests of K.L.M. and Messilah. The trip was classified as educational and the party familiarised themselves with Kuwait. The hotel had arranged an itinerary for them which included visits to Ahmadi, Waiba, Doha, Failaka, Kheiran, Kuwait Towers and the National Museum.

Holiday Inn International board of directors meeting in Kuwait



Sheikh Fahd (third from left) pictured with officials of Holiday Inn during his visit to the hotel.

THE Holiday Inn Hotel in Kuwait has been selected as the venue for the June meeting of the Holiday Inns International Board. The directors represent the company's hotel interests around the world and meet quarterly. Previous board meetings in the last twelve months have been held in Brussels, Aruba and Hong Kong.

Holiday Inns International is the international hotel business of the Hotels and Restaurants Division of Bass PLC, one of the United Kingdom's leading public companies. Bass has world-wide business interests and employs in excess of 85 thousand staff.

Following the latest acquisition last month of 38 hotels in Canada, Holiday Inns International owns, licenses and operates a total of 196 hotels in

48 different countries offering guests the choice of almost 50,000 rooms.

Jawad Bukhamseen, owner of the Holiday Inn Kuwait, hosted a reception in honour of the board's visit. This was attended by local prominent dignitaries and businessmen, including the chairman and directors of the Board of the Kuwait Hotel Owners Association.

Chairman of Holiday Inns International, Bryan Langton C.B.E., said when thanking Bukhamseen for his hospitality. "We are delighted to be meeting in Kuwait. Holiday Inns have long enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Bukhamseen Corporation. We are now very pleased to be discussing a number of new projects, both in the Middle

East and Europe, with such professional business partners."

Holiday Inns International follows an aggressive growth policy and currently has 49 hotels with 11,000 rooms under development or construction. Included in this expansion is the top of the market Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, opening next month in Casablanca. A new hotel brand aimed at the three star market, Garden Court Holiday Inn, is also being launched by the company, starting this year in Europe.

During their stay at the Holiday Inn Kuwait, the directors will consider future development strategy on a world-wide basis including opportunities in the Middle East.



A scene from Captain Power on KTV 2 at 6.30 pm today.

and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 3713923.

HOTELS

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our "Little Mexico".

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tapping fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the SAS Hotel
AT the Bistretto: SAS Hotel's Italian restaurant, designed to create a cool atmosphere, is a perfect setting for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy Friday brunch with the whole family.

Peacock Room: Experience the feel of the Orient. Come have lunch and dinner with us. Chinese cuisine prepared by our Chinese chef Von Kwee Kiong.

Al Boom: Dine in a perfect Kuwaiti dhow; fine selection of

charcoal grills; extensive mezzah buffet and Al Boom daily specials; also open for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays.

Clock: The only drive-in restaurant in town. Serves varied fast food items plus specialties. Eedam: Come and try our daily specials. We also have a diet corner for weight watchers.

At the Plaza
WEEKEND package deal at the Kuwait Plaza. A special deal for those who are looking for fun, entertainment, relaxation and enjoyment. Pay only KD7 and spend two days at Plaza. Single room KD10. Don't miss this opportunity, spend your summer vacation at Kuwait Plaza the most unexpensive vacation you ever dreamed of.

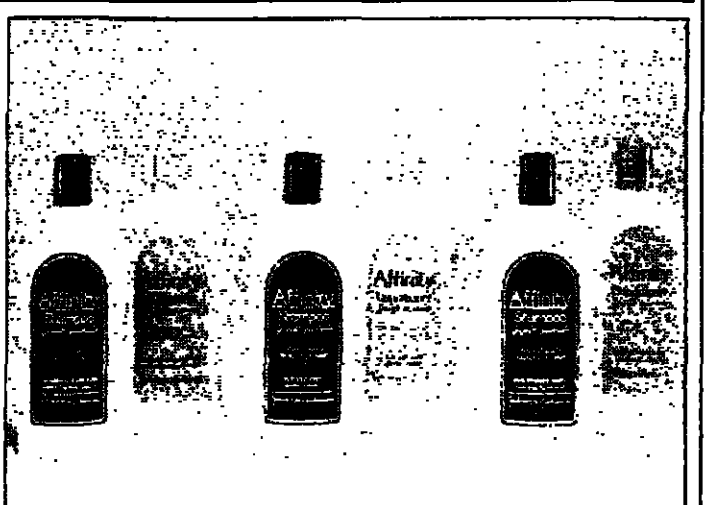
Traditional Arabic music by Fawzi Jamal will entertain you at the Noura Terrace. The only open air terrace in the middle of Kuwait city where you enjoy green scenery, delicious food, baggammon and hubble-bubble.

International music, Marco

Polo the Italian restaurant in Kuwait features music with a difference. All kinds of light jazz, pop and Western music by the most celebrated duo in town - Stan and Alice. For reservation contact - 2438800.

At the Continental
THE Gardenia, at the Kuwait Continental hotel open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays. The buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arabic and continental cuisine. The Dabar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

Kuwait Players
JUNE 12 (Monday): All members of Kuwait Players are reminded that the AGM will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel, Al Foz room at 7.30 pm. The group needs new members for next season so if you wish to help please come along. Renewal of membership will take place after the meeting.



Johnson & Johnson, Affinity shampoo and conditioner was recently introduced on the Kuwait market. The Affinity range (above) has a shampoo for every hair type, including one of permed hair to help keep your style in place; conditioner provides extra care and protection.

Junior Prizegiving day

By H. Wilson

"EDUCATION is : - Systematic Introduction to the Preparation of Life" — (Oxford Dictionary) began Colonel B Duncan MBE in his address at the Kuwait English School's 2nd official Junior Prizegiving held in the school hall at Saturday.

Colonel Duncan was there to present class prizes to students who were noteworthy in their achievements in the subjects of English, Mathematics, Social

Studies and Social Science, with an interlude of music from the School's 'B' Band and some solo performances. Prizes were then presented by KESPA (Kuwait English School's Parents Association) to the most improved student from each class and to two students in Junior 4 for their high standard of Academic Achievement throughout the year.

The Headteacher, Mr Ian Robertson, then gave a speech referring to the theory of the school that here 'Every Child is an Individual' before presenting along with

the School's Principal: Mrs Rhoda Muhmood, Year Group prizes for Arabic, Holy Quran, French, English as a foreign language, Art, Music and Physical Education/Sport.

The evening concluded with the daughter of the School's Chairman, Mr Mohammed Jassim Al Saddah, presenting the Chairman's Award (for Best All Round Junior 4 boy and girl) to Netty Mattar and Bruno Excoffon before Keith Price and Stewart Napier played us out to refreshments with a tenor saxophone and piano duet "Stardust".



Best all round Junior 4 students Netty Mattar and Bruno Excoffon



R. Muhmood presents Asim Amin with his prize.

Colouring time



Happy birthday



Anjali Lita Roche celebrated her birthday on the 31st of May. Belated greetings and many happy returns from mum, dad, Anush, relatives and friends.



Nadiya Kurawle celebrated her sixth birthday on June 3rd. Many happy returns of the day from dad, mum, brother, sister and friends.



Sakina, Fakhri and Fatima Asgar Fatehpurwala (triplets) celebrating their second birthday on June 4th. Parents, relatives and friends wish them a happy birthday thrice!

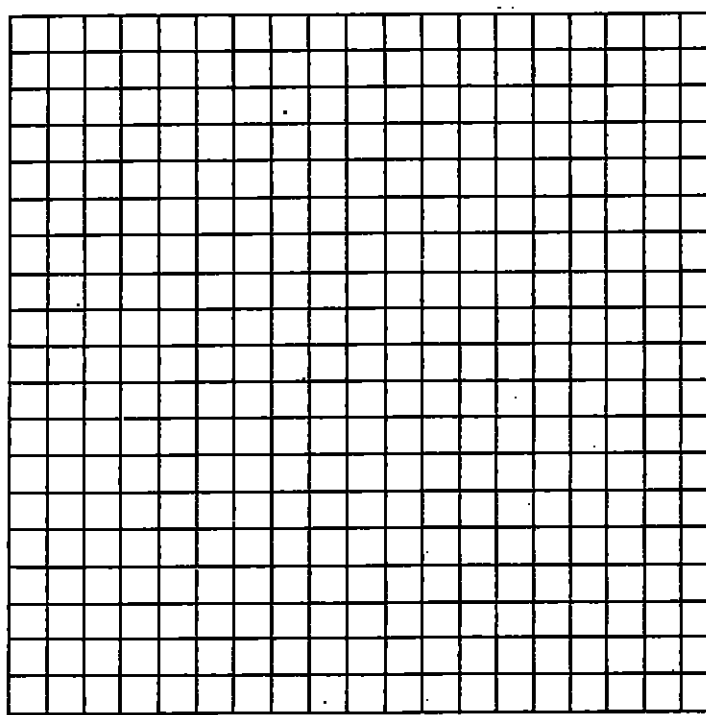
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Dear Junior Readers,

As the weather gets hotter we notice that we begin to sweat. Do you know why?

In our brain there is a small organ called the thalamus, which acts like a human thermostat. It controls the temperature of the body and maintains it at about 37 degrees Celsius.

For example, if the body is getting too warm — always the case during summer, more blood than usual flows to the surface of the skin; it gives off heat to the skin's surface, which gives off heat to the air.

When the body is very warm, we begin to sweat. Sweat is a salty liquid produced by the

sweat glands. Little tubes lead from the sweat glands to the pores in the skin. Sweating speeds up the escape of heat from the body because the liquid evaporates.

The liquid changes to a gas and is carried away by the air. At the same time, it carries away heat. That is why you feel colder when you are wet than when you are dry.

So, the next time you begin sweating, instead of complaining about how uncomfortable it is, thank your lucky stars that you are able to balance your body temperature. There are some very unlucky children who are unable to do so, and therefore spend most of their lives indoors.

Manal

Amazing facts

A butterfly can look at you through 12,000 eyes.

William Henry Vanderbilt the richest man in the world at his death in 1885, was buried in a mausoleum which was inspected by a watchman every 15 minutes to make sure his corpse was not kidnapped.

The Chinese knew about differential gearing before the birth of Christ.

The Osaka-Okayama Express in Japan travels at an average speed of 103 mph.

5,000 old tyres are to be used to build an artificial reef as a shelter for fish at St Vincent's Gulf in South Australia.

In London in the 1800s used sets of false teeth were advertised for sale.

A citizen of Calcutta, India, grew the fingernails on his left hand to a length of 76 inches.

The steel interior skeleton of the Statue of Liberty was designed by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, who designed the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

In 1831 a boy of nine was hanged in England for arson.

A Hungarian wrote 32 lines of words on a single match stick.

The mother of US President Ulysses S. Grant was often in Washington during her son's presidency, but never visited him at the White House.

Marbles were introduced into Britain by the Romans in the first century A.D.

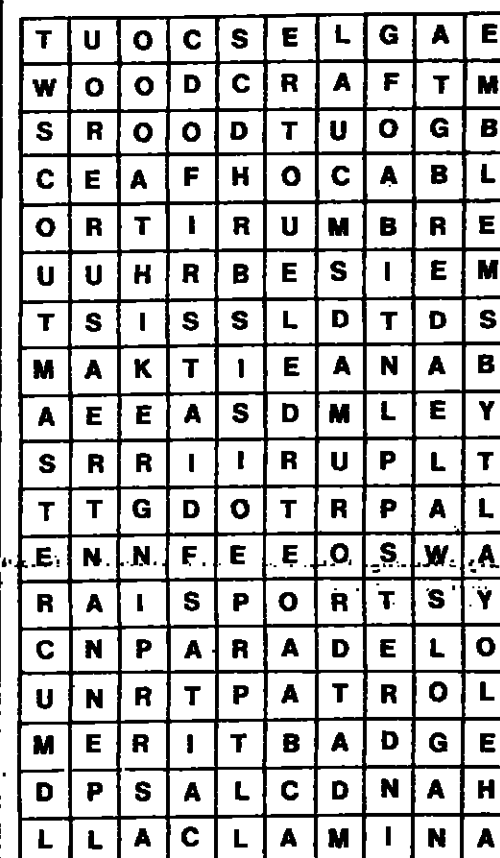
The smallest independent country in the world is Vatican City — with a zero birth rate.

A Yorkshire woman succeeded in gaining her driving licence at her fortieth attempt.

A citizen of Spanish Fork, Utah, has lived in the house in which he was born, for 90 years.

Word search

BOY SCOUTS



Clue: Pastimes for pleasure (7 letters)

MERIT BADGE

ANIMAL CALL

BE PREPARED

CANDIDATE CUBS

EAGLE SCOUT EMBLEMS

FIRST AID

GAMES

HANDCLASP HIKE

LAW LEADER

LOYALTY

OATH OUTDOORS

PARADE PATROL PENNANT

SALUTES SCOUTMASTER SIGN SLOGAN SPORTS

TENDERFOOT TRAILS TREASURER TROOP

UNIFORM

WOODCRAFT



Young artists of Otley: Matthew Steel, Alastair Ran and Lee Coleman.



Hands off: By Matthew Steel

The art of caring

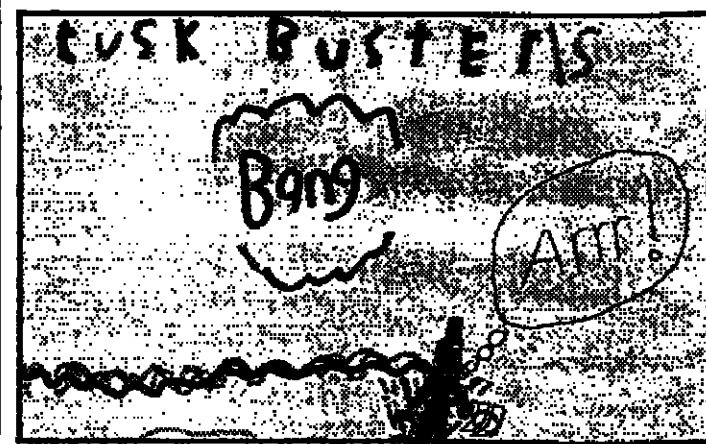
By Jackie Davis

'HOW would you like it if we killed you just for your teeth?' asks the elephant.

One simple question on a child's drawing which poignantly sums up the tragedy of the animals being driven to the verge of extinction by the ivory poachers' machine-guns.

The drawing by Cub Scout Richard Sutcliffe, ten, and others by young Beaver Scouts from a pack in Otley, West Yorkshire, illustrate just how the Daily Mail's (a local English newspaper) campaign to save the elephant has caught the imagination of children across the country.

Pack leader Sue Sutcliffe said: "They have taken a lot of trouble and given a good deal of thought to the plight of these poor creatures. Some of the boys have never been close to an elephant and if this slaughter goes on, they never will."



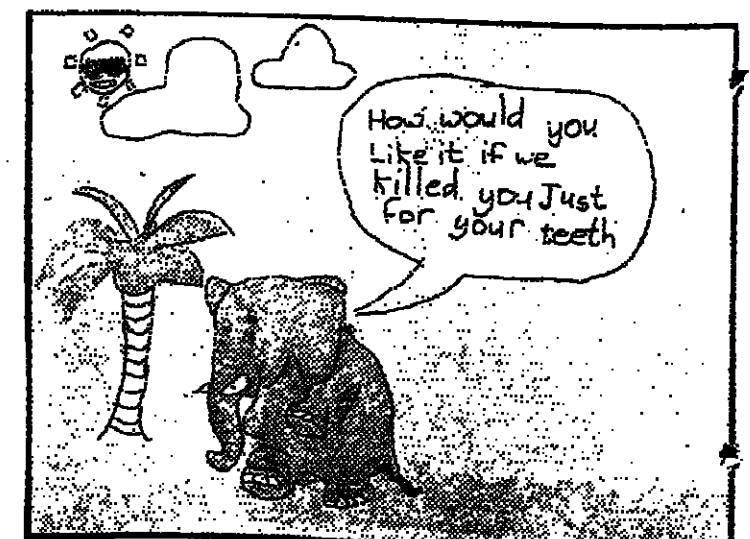
Ivory hunters: how Lee Coleman sees it

On the Isle of Wight, Cub Scouts are launching their own fund-raising campaign, called the Hathi Appeal after the elephant in Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book.

They hope packs around the country will take up the idea and launch their own fund-raising campaigns.

Many Cub Scout leaders are named after the Hathi character, and the 1st Freshwater/Totland Cubs acted after reading the Mail's moving account of the baby elephants orphaned by the slaughter.

A Scout Association spokesman said yesterday that the Hathi appeal was a 'magical idea' and he was sure that it would catch on.



Moving plea: the artistic work of Richard Sutcliffe

Waiting for spring

Alas, the trees are now all bare,
But long ago when I walked there,
The daffodils they'd nod so gay,
And children danced and laughed at play

The trees were full of leaves, but when
The biting winter came again,
They withered and died, but they will come
When the bees begin to hum

When daffodils nod and children play,
And chirping birds they seem to say,
"Come and join us for a song,
We'll sing and dance all day long."

Ramona D' Souza
Carmel School

Firsts and lasts

Martin Frobisher was the first European sailor to set out in search of the so-called 'North-West Passage', a new route which explorers hoped would lead them to the Pacific.

Dr Charles Towney, an American scientist, built the world's first laser in 1960. The name laser is an acronym standing for: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.

Today penicillin is readily available and cures millions of sick people around the world. Before 1940, when Alexander Fleming discovered it, this vital drug was unknown.

James Pitty invented the first cash register in 1879.

The French explorer Jacques Cartier was the first European to make a detailed exploration of eastern Canada and the St Lawrence river between 1534 and 1536.

Myriad causes — not always from the heart

Chest pains: just what do they mean

By John Stone

THE patient is an athletic, muscular policeman, 31 years old, with chest pain — a "heaviness" along his breastbone that has bothered him all day.

As we talk, I find that he has no "risk factors" for coronary disease; nor has he ever had pain like this before. After a while, he volunteers, a bit hesitantly, some additional and valuable information: yesterday, on a challenge from his sergeant, he tried weight lifting for the first time. He did some bench presses (lifting weights while lying on his back) and was able to muscle up over 200 pounds! Then, this morning, the chest pain.

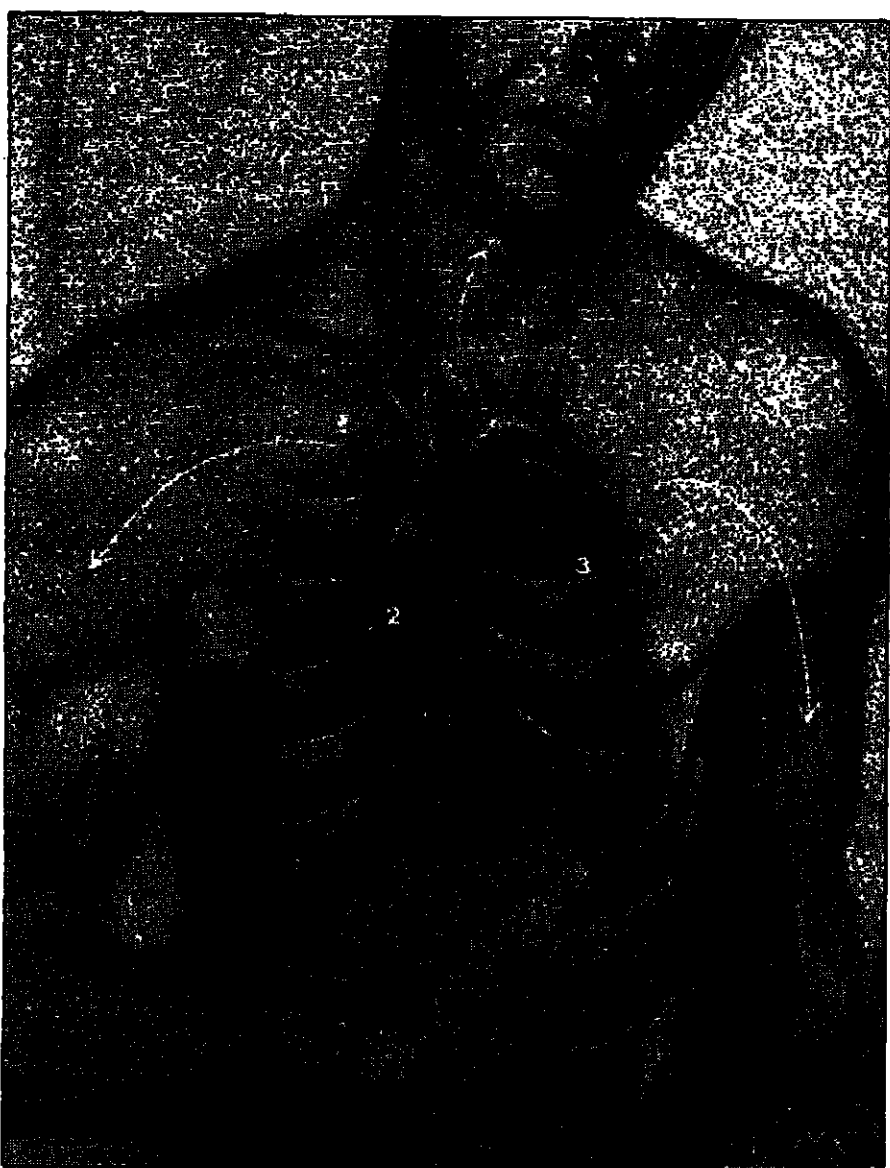
I examine him, pressing my fingers along the sides of his breastbone, an inch or two from the centre. He winces. Importantly, the pain is like that he has been having all day. When I tell him his pain is not coming from his heart, he exhales with a big whoosh, as if he had been holding his breath all day, and he smiles with great relief.

It's the physician's duty to sort out the myriad causes of chest pain, which may arise not only from the heart, but also from the lungs, oesophagus, aorta and other vessels, from the bellows of the rib cage, even the abdomen. Some are benign; some are not.

Angina pectoris, literally "a strangling of the chest," is an old disease. In its typical form, it's not difficult to diagnose — William Heberden, the English physician who coined the term "angina pectoris," did it in 1722: "They who are afflicted with it are seized while they are walking... with a painful and most disagreeable sensation in the breast, which seems as if it would extinguish life, if it were to increase or continue; but the moment they stand still, all this uneasiness vanishes." Angina, in its classical form, is usually brought on by exercise or emotional stress and relieved by rest. It's due to disease of the coronary arteries (cholesterol deposits or vessel spasm) that limits the amount of blood and oxygen available to the heart at times of increased demand.

Patients often describe angina as a "heaviness" or "squeezing" in the centre of the chest, behind the breast-bone; the discomfort may radiate to the jaw or down one or both arms. (In some patients, pain occurs only in the jaw or arms, with no chest pain at all; still, in such cases, exercise or stress provokes the discomfort and rest relieves it.)

Angina usually lasts one to five minutes, sometimes longer with emotional stress, subsiding as the cause is removed. Certain features may vary from patient to patient. For example, angina may be more likely to strike early in the morning, when the patient is rushing for work; the rest of the day may be pain-free. Walking into a cold wind or exercise after a meal



Body Signals

Severe pain in the center of the chest, which sometimes spreads toward the arms (1), and perhaps the jaw, may signal a heart problem, especially if accompanied by shortness of breath, sweating and weakness.

(2) Tenderness below the center of the chest, in the sensitive area where ribs attach to the sternum, can be caused by physical activity, even coughing, and is not normally serious.

(3) Sudden, brief pain between ribs can result from a pinched nerve or muscle cramp, and may be harmless.

provokes angina in some; in others, the emotional stress of a nightmare can do it. Exercise of the arm muscles — shoveling snow, say — may trigger angina in patients who never have an attack while walking (possibly because the larger leg muscles are more accustomed to heavy exercise).

At last! Critical point: new onset angina or a changing anginal pattern (more frequent or prolonged pain) requires prompt evaluation. Either can warn of angina's

serious cousin, a heart attack, in which heart muscle actually dies.

Certain accompaniments of chest pain may suggest that it is more serious. For example, any pain associated with shortness of breath, fainting or near-fainting, heavy sweating, weakness or exhaustion, or nausea deserves further assessment. This is also true for any chest pain severe enough to waken one from sleep.

"Pleurisy" deserves special mention.

Pleurisy refers to sharp, lancinating chest pain made worse with each breath. "Pleuritic" pain suggests inflammation of the covering of the lungs (the pleura); inflammation of the lining of the pericardium, the sac that envelops the beating heart, may lead to similar pain.

Abdominal problems may masquerade as chest pain. Because nerves carrying impulses from the abdomen enter the spinal cord at about the same level as those from the heart, the glib brain can be fooled into thinking that pain is arising from the heart, when it may in fact be coming from the oesophagus, from an ulcer, or from the gallbladder. "Heartburn" from oesophageal causes has, over the years, been a notorious mimic of angina.

The "precordial stab" is another kind of innocent chest pain, one so common that almost everyone has experienced it at one time or another.

Sudden, severe, knife-like, it's very short in duration, lasting only a second or two; it comes on when the patient is at rest — most often, these days, while watching television in a slumped posture (the worse the programme, the greater the slump).

The "stab" of pain is usually in the left side, below the nipple (the "precordium," the area in front of the heart); this type of pain may also occur on the right side. The pain may cause the person to jump, or even cry out, then it recedes quickly with the next breath or with a change in posture. Possible causes include a "cramp" in the chest-wall muscles or a "pinch" of the chest-wall nerves (which run along the undersides of the ribs).

A similar kind of pain, called, in children's and jogger's vernacular, "a stitch in the side," may worsen with breathing and is most likely due to a cramp in the muscular diaphragm that divides the chest and abdomen.

The rib-cartilage junctions are vulnerable to even minor injury, such as coughing might bring on (which explains the soreness along the sides of the breastbone in patients with the "flu" and severe coughing spells). With his bench presses, our policeman friend had strained every one of his rib-cartilage junctions; his outlook is, of course, very good.

A personal note: In 1954, when I was 18, my father died of a heart attack (I think now that he had suffered the attack only 10 years later, the technology of coronary care might have saved him).

Today, the fact that diagnosis and treatment for cardiac pain are infinitely better than they were in 1954 is an excellent reason for concern patients not to delay seeking help. For me, to be able to tell a patient (as is often the case) that his pain is not coming from the heart is one of the central joys of being a heart doctor.

Medical notebook

Heart disease risk and the pill

A group of medical researchers has found evidence offering one possible explanation for why women who smoke and use oral contraceptives may have an increased risk for heart disease.

The investigators from the West Valley Medical Centre in Los Angeles studied 38 women to see how their production of a key substance involved in dilating blood vessels was affected if they smoked and took birth control pills.

The substance, known as prostacyclin, which doctors believe may help prevent heart attack and other cardiac disorders, was lowest in women who took the pills and who had smoked for at least five years, researchers found.

These women were compared to those who took birth control pills but did not smoke, those who smoked but did not take the pill and those who did neither.

The analysis, led by Dr Gil Mileikowsky, suggests decreased prostacyclin production is the cause of increased cardiovascular risk. Prostacyclin also decreases the formation of blood clots, Mileikowsky cautions that lower levels of the substance pave the way for dangerous blood clot formation.

These clots "can circulate throughout blood vessels and land in the lungs, thus creating pulmonary embolisms," he said.

Embolisms diminish the capacity of the lungs to function and supply the body with oxygen.

The study suggests steroids contained in birth control pills may work tandem with substances in tobacco to dramatically lower prostacyclin levels.

sculptors artistry to heal patients' psyches

Silicone, plaster and glue can go a long way toward helping to heal wounded self-images.

"I think it's amazing," says Denis Lee, head of the University of Chicago Medical Centre's medical sculpture unit. "A lot of people, when they first come, are hesitant about wearing anything artificial or over. They think it will fall off, or people will laugh."

"After they see the results, it's incredible." Hundreds of people each year who have lost an eye, ear, nose, finger, breast or other feature to birth defects, cancer, accidents and fire — and who can't be helped by plastic surgery — seek assistance from artistic artists.

"I really don't know that what to say for making me feel like a whole person again," a 69-year-old woman, whose face was disfigured and her eye lost to cancer, wrote to Lee. "People just can't believe how you can do such a wonderful job. I can go anywhere and people don't stare."

"It's a wonderful feeling to have in my life again." Stan Stasiowicz, 63, lost his right ear to cancer two decades ago. "I did some of my crones that I got a new ear, and they said which one? was very exhilarating."

"Prosthetics can be especially important for children," says Lee, who is king a corporate sponsor for a centre for disfigured children. "If not treated properly and quickly, they can have psychological problems. Children can be pretty cruel and (disfigured) children get teased."

lacks at greater glaucoma risk

Doctors have added another disease to the list of afflictions that are colour-blind, finding that young blacks, especially those who are sighted, are at greater risk for glaucoma than white people of the same age.

The study, reported recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association, compared the damage done by high fluid pressure within the eye in 68 patients between the ages of 10 and 35.

Blacks were much more likely to have permanent eye damage setting in at an earlier age than whites, and the glaucoma problems were much more commonly associated with myopia or nearsightedness.

The study, conducted by a team of doctors from the department of ophthalmology at the New York eye and ear infirmary, found that all black patients with severe myopia and eye pressure had some damage, while just 52 per cent of comparable whites showed damage.

Health diets: hard to stomach

By Digby Anderson

EATING enough carrots, garlic, yoghurt, herrings and bananas will never turn those who eat them into Dorian Gray or the female equivalent. It will not even guarantee them more health and beauty. But you would never know that if you relied on the diet manuals which now comprise whole sections of our bookshops, or if you believe the newspaper series based on the more boastful of them.

Their readers have been subjected to questionnaires, alphabets of foods — A is for apples and of each food's remedial properties. There is also a scientific rhetoric — thus, for breakfast, "Try... sesame seeds, bran, oats, pumpkin seeds, nuts, raisins and fruit mixed with yoghurt and honey. It contains magnesium, potassium, calcium, phosphorus and iron."

If those do not impress the readers, there is lecithin (makes "messages jump through the nervous system more effectively") "tryptophane" ("a brain calmer") and "amygdalin" (fights cancer).

"Live longer and look younger," invited one paper last week, while another offered the "Diet of the decade".

Confronted with these and other recent urgings and warnings about food and health, what the ordinary cook or eater needs is a guide, not to healthy food, but to the new diets, and a consumer test of their worth.

Test

The first test is: does the diet make clear that, before modern communications, there were societies whose diets varied from the more or less totally carnivorous, and that people were healthy in both extremes provided they had enough food, i.e. man can adapt to a variety of diets? There is no one right diet.

Does the diet imply that, because deprivation of necessities such as vitamins and minerals is harmful, the more of these you eat the better? Not only is that often not the case, but too much may be as bad as too little. All that fish oil which is currently the rage may indeed "thin" the blood and stop clotting, but some clotting is necessary if we are not to bleed to death when we cut a finger gutting the herrings. "Good" foods are not unreservedly good.

Does the diet imply that



because a food which it is promoting, such as soyas bean, contains an element it values — one recent diet was promoting lecithin, for example — that this element is only or principally available through this food? In fact, egg yolks, which most healthists abhor, are stuffed with lecithin.

Leeds University's Dr Barbara Pickard points out that zinc, iron and other minerals advocated, sensibly, in such diets are much better absorbed from meat, which the diets scarcely mention, than vegetable sources.

A leading American heart expert, Professor Donald McNamara, emphasises the importance of meat and eggs not only as sources of essential calcium and iron but, especially in the case of eggs, cheap sources and, particularly for the elderly, foods which are easy to chew and digest. Not only are there no unreservedly good foods; there are few bad foods. The thoughtful diet doesn't make good/bad distinctions which rule out whole classes of food.

Dangerous

Does the diet present itself as for everyone? In fact, small children, working adults, elderly people and expectant mothers have different food needs. Dr Pickard is concerned that we are already seeing children suffering from malnutrition because they have been given unbalanced, vegetable-heavy diets.

Moreover, many of the recommended foods of currently fashionable diets are dangerous for people suffering from par-

ticular diseases: those lentils and dried beans are one of the worst things for gout.

Does the diet exaggerate? Does it suggest this or that food will cause or cure an illness when the relationship is much more modest or questionable? Thus, one of the newspapers lists fibre as one of the "curers" salt as a "killer".

But the Guy's Hospital fibre expert, Professor Ian Macdonald, points out that increased fibre intake is statistically related to a reduction in colon cancer but an increase in stomach cancer. It may cause neither. Even if it does help some conditions, "it does not mean it will prevent them".

Leicester's Professor Swales is similarly modest about salt. Reduced salt intake may, when combined with other treatments, lower the blood pressure of patients with very high blood pressure. But for the "remaining patients and the rest of the population, it seems to have little effect," nor is it established that too much salt is the cause of high blood pressure.

Are there statements which are not scientifically agreed facts? One of last week's new diets, for example, invited readers to eat apricot kernels — they contain the impressive-sounding amygdalin, which "fights cancer": on Tuesday, perhaps after reading in a rival diet that the kernels were poisonous, the same paper printed a warning that apricot kernels "contain a toxic substance which should be avoided".

And are the facts up to date? One diet states baldly that sucrose can lead to diabetes. "Nonsense," says Professor Vincent Marks, who has researched into diabetes for years. "A book, or above all a newspaper, should be up-to-date and be aware that leading diabetes researchers have known for more than 10 years the main causative factors of the most severe types of diabetes, and sugar is not one of them".

And the statements should be precise, so their correctness can be tested. Do they tell you how much to eat, how many years it will add to your life and the measured probability of it preventing or curing this or that disease? Of course they don't. They don't because they can't. The truth, dull as it so often is, is that for a healthy and lengthy life most people simply need to eat a balanced diet in moderation.

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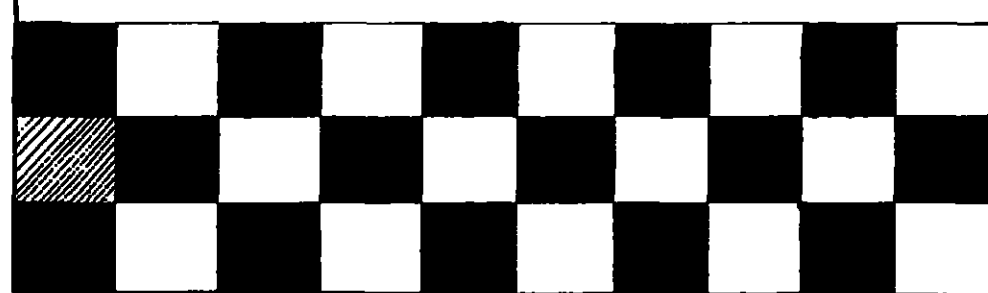
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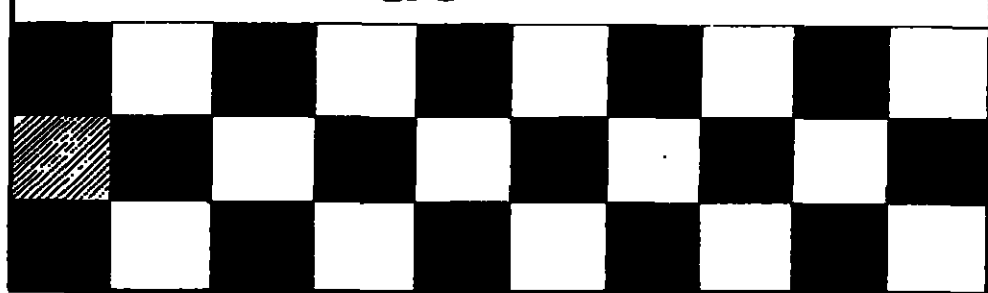
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Staunch Republican in the Kennedy clan

Hollywood's biggest hunk, Arnold Schwarzenegger, married into America's leading Democrat family when he strode up the aisle with TV star Maria Shriver. But, now that he has joined the Republican opposition, Arnold says he has more interesting chats when he goes home.



Muscleman Arnold Schwarzenegger

By Judy Byrne

MUSCLE man Arnold Schwarzenegger's new job must really be rubbing salt in the wounds of his Democrat in-laws, the Kennedys.

For the staunch Republican campaigner has been rewarded for helping President George Bush's election success with a place on the President's Physical Fitness Commission, despite his marriage connection with America's "First family" of opposition Democrats.

But he insists it poses no problems, being married to Maria Shriver, the late J.F.K.'s niece.

"Maria feeling differently from me, politically," he says "simply makes for interesting conversations. We never argue about politics."

"We just discuss issues and appreciate each other's point of view. I'm from a Socialist country and it has made me more conservative. She's from a Democratic family, so that's the way she is, I don't mind."

The Austrian-born actor's initiation into the Kennedy tribe has delighted him. He says: "The cousins get together and play football and have a lot of fun. It's a new experience for me. I enjoy it very much because I didn't have a very large family."

Schwarzenegger fell in love with the great American dream

of fame and riches when he was still a boy and set about making it come true. He is now seriously rich, rich enough to hold his head up high, even among the Kennedy bank accounts.

Discovered

But he has discovered that 'new money' never has quite the ease of old. He says: "I have a lot of money, but I haven't had it for a long time. I don't waste it. I'm careful what I spend it on. I go to a very conservative tailor but most of the time I dress casually."

"When we play touch football, I will wear an old shirt. That's the difference between me and Maria; she will think nothing of putting on a cashmere sweater to roll around on the grass."

It is not the only difference. Maria Shriver was born with the sort of silver-spoon connections that undoubtedly eased the path into her role as top anchorwoman on a coast-to-coast TV network. But the 16 stone of solid muscle she married has had to graft every inch and ounce of the way.

Schwarzenegger was the sickly second son of a former army officer, always in the shadow of his older brother. In his early teens, he turned to athletics but found team sports were not his scene. At 15, he discovered body-building.

He told his father: "I want to be the best-built man in the

world and then I want to go to America to be in the movies." His unsophisticated but single-minded ambition has not waned in the 27 years since.

Even as a small boy, he vowed to be the world's best at something. Once chosen, he pushed himself towards his target, ruthlessly.

Today, Schwarzenegger owns apartment buildings, office blocks, family homes, land and a whole block of downtown Denver. He has fitness centres. And the bricklaying business he called "Pumping Bricks" is still going strong.

When he says he will next turn his hand to directing and producing, you have to believe his Midas touch will go with him.

Schwarzenegger is so driven by ambition he could no more sit back and just watch the dollars roll in than he could rest on his reputation as a body with a series of successful tough roles behind it.

The two high points of the career, in which even his dream of being added to the Hollywood Hall of Fame came true last year, have been his marriage and his American citizenship.

Says the performer voted American cinema owner's favourite last year: "I love the mentality and open mindedness here. The spirit of America is so free. I love the way the country welcomes new ideas."

"And I am so proud of my wife Maria, not because of where she comes from but because of her character in her own right. Of her humour, her intelligence and the way she handles me."

Nevertheless, wearing the trousers too literally is out for Mrs Schwarzenegger when she is with him. "It is true that she wears dresses and skirts to please me. She knows I prefer them," he says. "But she says she doesn't mind because she knows she wears the pants in our relationship."

"She has a great sense of humour and she's full of life. We have so much in common — art, museums, skiing, riding, tennis, travel."

They even work out side by side. "She's my perfect woman," he says.



Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver: we never argue about politics



Family portrait: Mrs Thatcher (right) with sister and parents in 1945

New book enrages family, Tory MPs

Lies: Thatcher's sister hits out

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's elder sister has attacked a new book that claims Britain is being ruled by her mother from the grave.

The biography, by former Labour MP Leo Abse, contends that the premier has a "sado-masochistic relationship" with voters.

It also accuses her of rejecting and despising her mother Beatrice and maintains that her style of government was determined by "early battles at the breast" and "on the pot."

The amazing claims have stung Thatcher's sister, 68-year-old Muriel Cullen, to bend the family's rules never to be interviewed.

From her 15th century farmhouse near Harwich, Essex, she said: "It is just not true. I can assure you there was no trouble between my mother and either Margaret or myself."

"We did not have a bleak childhood. My mother was not harsh. She was gentle and warm. She just ran the home. She didn't like the limelight, just like me."

Cullen, who has been married to farmer Billy Cullen for 39 years, said her mother was simply a mother of that era.

She added: "I have felt hurt many a time about the way that my father (grocer and local politician Alfred Roberts) and our childhood have been portrayed by biographers. The early 1930s were days of struggle for everybody. Our parents sent us both to the high school and had to make sacrifices. We were a grateful family."

"It is true that our father was the greatest influence on the household. He was the head of the household with all that implied in those days. But my mother was not completely dominated by him. My mother looked after the home, my father

looked after the rest of life. She ran a very good home. She was a very good cook and entertainer."

Asked about Abse's claim in the book that Thatcher only makes rare and deprecatory references to her mother and has said she had nothing to say to her after the age of 15, Cullen said: "Margaret never says anything about any of the family, except our father who was a great influence on her. As for her having nothing to say to mother after the age of 15, had you anything to say to your mother at that age? It is a difficult age."

The book Margaret, daughter of Beatrice: A politician's psychobiography of Margaret Thatcher, comes out on the eve of the Tory Party conference in the autumn.

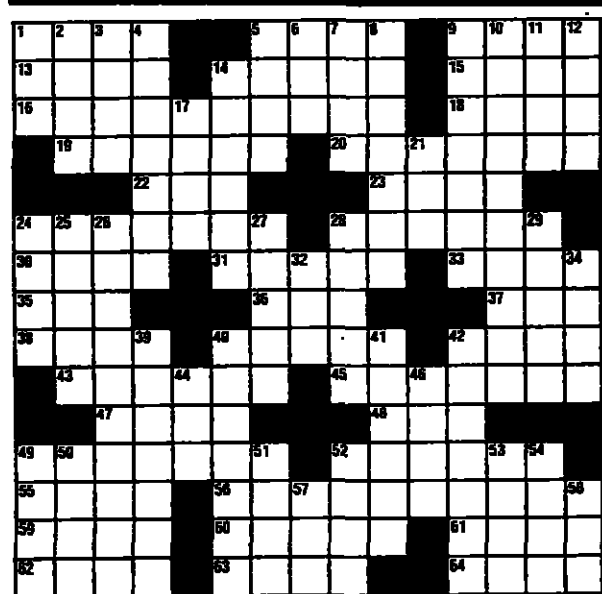
Publishers Jonathan Cape say it tells the "untold story of how a bleak early family life and an unempathic mother have, to the detriment of the nation, left the prime minister a driven woman, forever desperately working out her private travails on the public stage."

Abse, 72-year-old former MP for Pontypool and brother of a professor of psychiatry, outraged Westminster 16 years ago by a "psycho study" of his parliamentary colleagues.

At his London home yesterday, he said: "The new book is about what makes Mrs Thatcher act the way she does. I am not engaged in any prurient exercise."

Patrick Cosgrave, who has known Thatcher for 30 years and written several books about her, said: "I object to this kind of psychobabble. He can't possibly know the truth about Mrs Thatcher's childhood and writing this sort of thing is just being silly."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Trench around a castle
 - Singing brothers
 - Partially open
 - Port
 - Fire
 - River of central Africa
 - Dessert favorite
 - Luge
 - Dressy fabrics
 - Paid up
 - Lincoln's "Cap'n"
 - Bird of —
 - Sadden
 - Nevada
 - Partnership of WW II
 - De Valera of Ireland
 - Ages and ages
 - Before down or up
 - The Few of WW II
 - Trim a tree
 - Woeful word
 - Instrument for Shankar
 - M*A*S*H star
 - Verdugo et al.
 - Improvements
 - River near Anne Hathaway's house
 - Rep.'s opposite
 - Yerevan is its capital
 - John and Pliny
 - Adjective for York
 - Dessert made with apples
 - Old Norse poetry
 - Major followers
 - Event for a bargain hunter
- DOWN**
- Rod's companion
 - Gives permission
 - Gradual
 - Davis of song
 - Name of fame in journalism
 - Field
 - Unsteadily
 - Sections of a circle
 - Actress Farrow
 - BPOE members
 - Type of help
 - Somber
 - Dessert treats
 - On the sheltered side
 - Comedian Fox
 - Actress Darcel
 - Your majesty!
 - Three, in Roma
 - Computer info
 - Status of Napoleon on Elba
 - All-time
 - Ran's garb
 - Until now
 - Positive terminal
 - Cushion for a gymnast
 - Short nail
 - A few
 - Island off Florida
 - Fortification parts
 - Without direction
 - Unimportant
 - Prefix
 - Come or go
 - Copycat
 - Used the subway
 - A Johnson
 - Cote animals
 - List ender, for short
 - Battle site of WW II
 - Mel of baseball
 - Evergreen

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
TALK TO ME PARTNER

Both vulnerable. East deals.

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♥ K 9
♦ A 2
♣ Q 10 9 8 6 5

EAST
♠ K Q J 10 7 3 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ A Q J 7
♦ K Q 10 5 4
♣ K J 3

The bidding:
East South West North
3 ♠ 4 ♠ 4 ♠ 5 ♠
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠
For optimum defense, partners must be able to "talk" to each other. Since the laws of bridge forbid them from doing so orally, they must make the cards they play do their work for them.

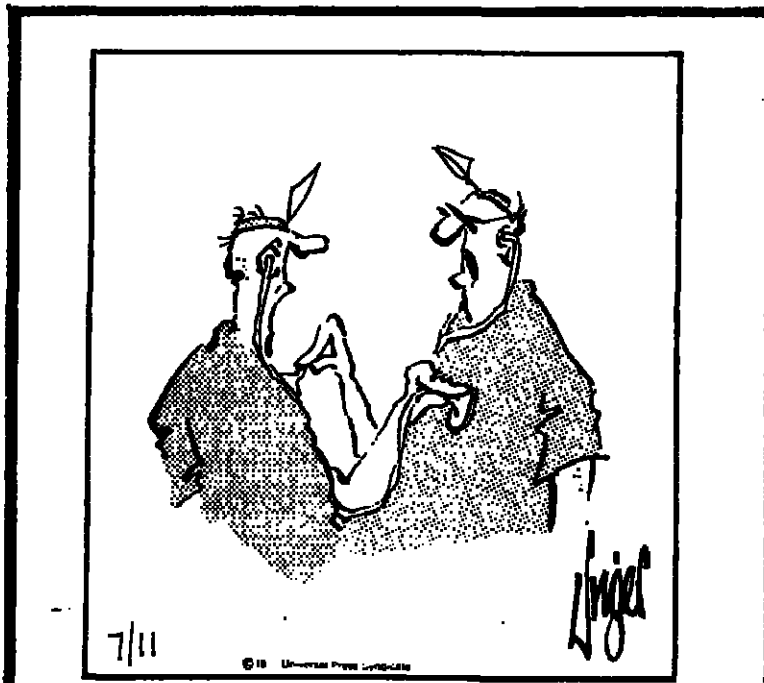
South's four-club bid was the Fishbein Convention, a takeout bid that has fallen into disfavor in most parts of the world. Certainly, the final contract was excellent.

West led the ace of spades, and

East took time to consider his play. If West held a second spade, declarer had no more. If West held a singleton ace (a possibility in spite of his raise), then there was no need for East to encourage with a high spade because West wouldn't be able to continue the suit anyway.

Therefore, East decided to use a suit preference signal at trick one. He knew that, left alone, his partner would have to guess which red suit to lead, so he decided to help him out. He followed to the first trick with the two of spades—a request to partner to lead the lower of the side suits, in this case diamonds.

Since declarer had to have a singleton spade because of East's preempt, West realized that his partner's deuce was a suit preference signal. He dutifully shifted to a diamond, and declarer didn't stand a chance. He tried valiantly by winning in hand and leading a low club, but West could not go wrong even had he wanted to. In with the ace of clubs, on which partner started an echo to show three trumps (the reverse of giving count in the side suits), his diamond continuation allowed East to ruff for a one-trick set.



"You're OK. How am I?"

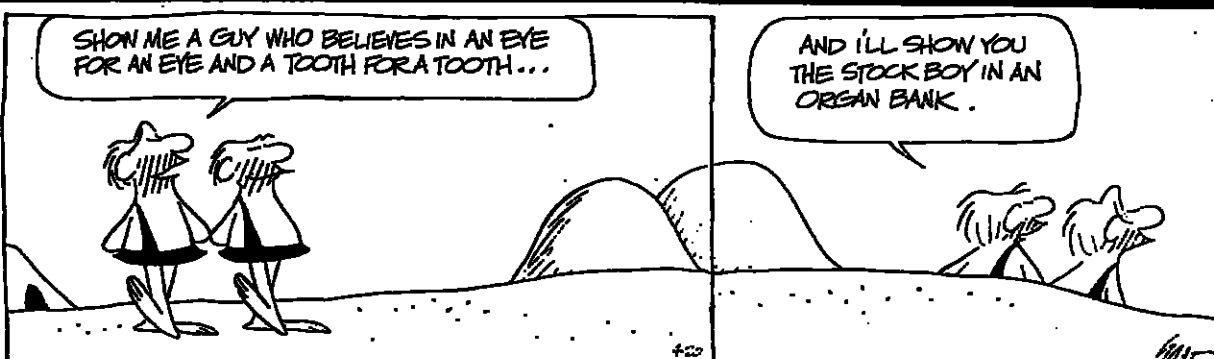
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Do not ask others to do something you consider immoral. Make sure you do not say one thing and then do another. Do not rely entirely on memory where an important matter is concerned. Be truthful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid making a promise you do not intend to keep. You will be able to make good progress with a practical matter. Make sure you leave yourself enough time to get to your destination punctually.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You are subject to positive influence but it all still depends on your working hard. You will have some personal success but not as much as you would have wished. Make sure you meet your commitments. Be respectful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will tend to tire rather easily so make sure you do what is most important first. You will have something to be pleased about. Do not do anything that would be contrary to your principles. Be sensible.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be proved right but you should not gloat upon it. You should try not to get things out of proportion and not to exaggerate. Not everything is as it seems to be exercise special care. Be fair.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will feel more like your old self and will be able to get a lot done. Try not to have any big meals late at night. Do not take too much for granted. Be lenient.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You still have a lot to learn but you are certainly not too old to do so, unless you think you are. You should try not to bite off more than you can chew. Avoid saying the first thing that comes to your mind. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will have to be a little more patient, but if you are you will get there in the end. Not everything is as it appears to be and you should try to look below the surface. You should not trust to luck, this is not your lucky day. Be moderate.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to make good progress where a practical matter is concerned. You must take better care of your finances and curb a tendency to spend recklessly. A promise you have been made will not be kept. Be sincere.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You will be able to make good progress with some trivial matters that cannot still not be neglected. You should make sure your partner feels important to you. Avoid being reckless and do not exaggerate or exceed safe limits. Be sensible.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will have to work hard but you should not allow work to spoil your private life. Try to avoid becoming involved in what does not concern you. Do not postpone what will have to be done sooner or later. Be hopeful.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to do something more positive and will have good results. If you are trusting to luck you will be sadly disappointed. Avoid allowing your resentment and prejudices distorting your assessment of the situation.

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION For Rent

KEIFAN, ground floor of a villa with 3 bedrooms, 2 living rooms, swimming pool, CAC. Rent KD 600. Tele. 2626484, 4.30 - 8.30 pm. (AT2-47663-3)

SALWA, ground floor, CAC — 3 large bedrooms, large kitchen and garage. Rent KD 320 including water and electricity. Tele. 2403588, 9 am - 2.30 pm, 5654749, 2.30 - 9 pm. (AT4-47712-3)

TURKEY, 2 bedroom apartment in a sea-side holiday complex, situated on the tourist belt on the Aegean coast nearby. Kusaadasi Township near Izmir. Fully furnished all inclusive KD 200 per month. Tele. 4730015 pm. (AT2-47657-3)

BAYAN, fully furnished without furniture 4 bedrooms, 3 saloons, annex including garden, very clean. Rent KD 750/650. Tele. 5324848. (AT3-47694-3)

Available
SALMIYA, Amman Street, a room for a bachelor to share with an Indian family. Rent KD50. Tele. 5625854, 11 am - 12 noon, 1 - 3.30 pm. (AT4-47714-3)

SHARO, near the Firdous Cinema. Sharing flat with tele facilities. Only for Dawoodi Bohra family. Tele. 2402974, Res. (AT2-47661-3)

RUMATHIYA, near the Passport Office. Fully furnished spacious room with kitchen facilities available immediately for an Indian executive. Tele. 2461688, after 3 pm. (AT4-AS-TM-3)

HAWALLI, opp. Rihab Complex. Sharing room in a flat with water and electricity for an Indian couple. Rent KD50. Tele. Mr. Shetty, 2656821, 9 am - 12 noon, 4.30 - 8 pm. (AT3-47671-3)

FARWANIYA, behind the Holiday Inn. Sharing room with tele facilities for one person, preferably Indian. Bus routes 34, 21, 22, 101, 501. Tele. 4747321, Res. 8 am - 10 pm. (AT3-47691-2)

SALMIYA, accommodation for a Goan bachelor to share with a Goan family near bus routes 19, and 30. Tele. 2463243-4. (AT3-47670-2)

KUWAIT City, Sharq. House No 184, 3 rooms with 1 storehouse for a family. Tele. Qamar Begum, 2401332. (AT3-47683-3)

FOR SALE

Boats

BOAT, 198 hp for sale. For details Tele Mr. Meritins, 4343721 off, 8 am - 5 pm, 3721488 ext. 215. (AT4-47702-3)

SAILING yacht — Beneteau First 38-S "race equipped" and proven, 1.2M length sleeps 9, KD 27,000. Tele. 2408033, 4677236. (AT2-47656-3)

Cars

HONDA Accord 1984, 2 doors, red, AC, sunroof, automatic, 53,000 kms. One owner, in excellent condition. KD 1,250 cash or instalments. Tele. 5653952. (AT2-47684-3)

MERCEDES Benz, 1980, AC, manual gear, white, 92,000 kms sunroof in excellent condition. KD1,685, ono. By installments KD 860, KD 66 per month. Tele. Engr. Saeed, 4733724, 1-4 pm, 8-12 pm only. (AT2-47658-3)

TOYOTA, automatic, AC, in very good condition. Best offer. Tele. 2648148, after 3 pm. (AT3-47686-3)

BMW 735 i, 1982 fully automatic, new tyres, dark grey in very good condition. KD 2,000 cash. Tele. Nasim Naeem, 4847150, 4838494, 9.30 am - 1 pm, 4.30 - 7.30 pm. (AT3-47680-3)

NISSAN Bluebird, Turbo, 1984, AC, automatic, red, 4 doors, 63,000 kms, insured up to Nov. 1988, KD 1,200 or KD 200 down payment and KD 49 per month for 24 months. Tele. 2407677. (AT3-47582-3)

MITSUBISHI Colt GLX, 1984, manual, AC, stereo, 4 doors. Owner leaving Kuwait, in excellent condition. KD 675 (ono) cash. Tele. Mr. Salway, 5636249, 12.00 noon - 2.30 pm. (AT3-47681-3)

AUDI 200 Turbo 1982, automatic, 75,000 kms, red, AC, sunroof, KD 1,100 cash ono. KD 150 down payment and KD 54 by 20 months. Tele. Ashraf, 5315810. (AT2-47664-3)

MERCEDES 230 CE full options in excellent condition. Tele. Mohammed, 4838470-2 anytime. (AT3-47690-3)

MAZDA 929 GLX 1988, maroon, 4 doors, CAC, fully automatic, sunroof. Bought from company. Nov. 88, 120,000 kms. One owner, insured up to Oct. 1991. KD 3,500 cash or instalment. Tele. 2401908. (AT2-47683-3)

SUZUKI Swift 1989, red, 3 doors, automatic, 7,000 kms. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD 500 less. Tele. Mr. George Kakaris, 5333056, 10 am - 1 pm, 5623696, 6 - 10 pm. (AT2-47654-3)

NISSAN Silvia 2.0 SGL, 1985, automatic, white, only 26,000 kms sunroof, hatchback in excellent condition. KD 1700 cash. Tele. 5313494 any time. (AT2-47638-3)

CHEVROLET Celebrity station wagon 1984, AC, automatic, power steering, white, insured up to May 1990, good mechanical and exterior/interior. KD 1200 cash. Tele. Mr. Tanweer Hussain, 5620813. (AT3-47699-3)

BMW 635 CSI 1981, registered in 1983, full automatic, new engine, new tyres and unique colour, in very good condition. KD 2,800. Tele. Naeem Nasim, 4838494, 4847150, 9.30 am - 1.00 pm - 4.30 - 7.30 pm. (AT3-47680-3)

MARKET PLACE

NISSAN Liberta 1985 fully automatic, sunroof, white, 70,000 kms, in very good condition. KD800 or make over payments. Tele. 3724827 after 5 pm. (AT3-47667-3)

NISSAN Liberta, 1984, 4 doors, AC, automatic, sunroof, 60,000 kms, one owner. In very good condition. KD 950 cash or instalments. Tele. 5653952. (AT3-47684-3)

BUICK, Skylark 1981, with good tyres and sound engine, driven by a careful person, in very good running condition. Tele. 5637357. (AT4-47705-2)

MAZDA 323, 1981 model, red, manual 5 gears in good condition KD350, cash. Tele. Joan Wilson, 5655216, 8 am - 2 pm. (AT4-47704-3)

MITSUBISHI Pajero Jeep, 1982, 10,000 kms since complete engine overhaul and new tyres. AC. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD 1000. Tele. Mr. Bruce, 5721077 Ext. 24, after 5 pm. (AT2-47647-3)

Miscellaneous
TWO old Kuwaiti chests for sale. Tele. 2550709. (AT3-47673-3)

LARGE villa for rent on the beach, SAS and Regency, furniture for sale. Suit company residence (no agents). Tele. 5658147. (AT2-47665-3)

DINING ROOM, sofa sets, bedrooms, tables, cupboards, and electrical appliances. Salwa, Block 1, Street 7, second house on the right corner from the street. Viewing daily 5-7 pm. Tele. 5613363, 5-7 pm. (AT3-47679-3)

DISHWASHER, General Electric, large size Philips dryer, rug shampooer, wooden desk, TV table, child bicycle, child billiard table. All are in excellent condition. Owner leaving Kuwait. Tele. 5711533 ext. 386. (AT3-47689-3)

AFGHAN carpets, various designs, colours, 63 cmx120 cm, KD 50, Sherazi design 185 cmx230 cm, KD 250. Tele. Mr. Bruce, 5721077 ext. 24, after 5 pm. (AT2-47647-3)

TWO tennis machines with capacity 48 balls. Easy installation and practical. Good for beginners and professionals. Price KD200 per machine. Tele. Khaled, 5386835. (AT2-47635-3)

HOUSEHOLD appliances, fridge/freezer, dishwasher, cooker, washing machine, dryer, vacuum cleaner and double bed. Owner leaving Kuwait. Tele. 3903482, after 4 pm. (AT3-47688-3)

IKEA furniture, solid pine and white colour laminated - miscellaneous items. Tele. Ann, 3722472 or 3721468 ext 208, 5-8 pm. (AT3-47674-3)

DESK, teak veneer, KD35; IKEA Ivar modular bookshelves with cabinet, KD45; portable drafting table, KD20; drafting lamp, KD15. Tele. Steve, 3716571. (AT4-47710-3)

SALWA, flat semi-furnished, CAC with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, private entrance, kitchen including a garden for sale. New rent KD300. Tele. 5639442. (AT4-47711-3)

SALMIYA, Amman Street, 2 bedrooms in European style flat with complete furniture, plants, TV/video, washing machine, fridge, KD600. Rent with water KD170. Tele. 5616264, 3-6 pm. (AT4-47716-3)

PETS
FREE to good home, two friendly cats. Tele. 5717652, after 5 pm. (AT4-47700-3)

SITUATIONS
Vacant
MAID required immediately for a small family with a baby, to live-in. Tele. Mrs. Alicia, 4875332. (AT4-4770-3)

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Departure for haj caravan 24-8-89 return 16.7.89
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Booking by air and road continues. Furnished accommodation in Madina (Dar-ul-Madin) and in Meikah (Qureshi Building). Final date for depositing passport — 10.6.89. Contact: (3) Wafiq Mugeed on 5725086 at Pakistan Hotel, Salmiya, after 6 pm. (3) Abu Yonis on 4813221 after 4 pm, Hamia Baqer Al Noeami.

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Wanted

CIVIL engineer, living in Kuwait. 3 year's experience, with working visa, wants job immediately at reasonable salary. Tele. 5611243. (AT3-47685-3)

ACCOUNTANT, Indian, B.Com with 14 years experience as accountant with knowledge of typing and telex and transferable visa, seeks immediate full time employment. Tele. 2414597. (AT3-47682-3)

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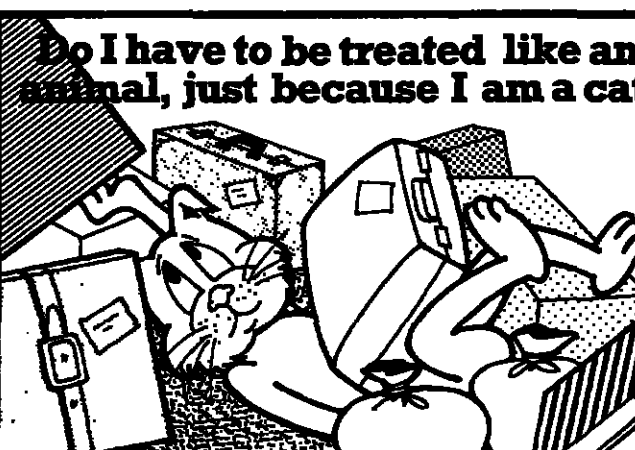
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SPORTS

Lions fear Campese, Australians ignore Ella

PERTH, Australia, June 5, (Reuters): The British Lions rugby union squad will not alter their game plan to stifle the unlimited skills of high-stepping Australian winger David Campese, coach Ian McGeechan said today.

Australia ignored Mark Ella's wish to play against the Lions and recalled hooker Tom Lawton from the representative wilderness when they named the Australia B side to play the Lions in Melbourne in the second tour match on June 14.

Speaking at a press conference after the squad's arrival at the weekend McGeechan said he hoped his team had learned from Campese's exploits on Australia's 1988 tour of England and Scotland when the winger scored three Test tries and was acclaimed as one of the great players in the game's history.

"David Campese is naturally a danger man because he is a world class player...the simple point is that if you allow him to play his game you are asking for trouble," McGeechan said.

"Yet we must think of our game first, we have our own style and it's important we play it."

The Lions begin their 12-match tour in Perth on Saturday against Western Australia, thrashed 60-3 by New Zealand in last year's tour opener. Campese has just finished playing in Italy and is only expected back in Australia later this week.

Flyhalf Ella, who returned to club rugby this season after four years in retirement, had said he would like to play in the Australia B match but the selectors preferred the youthful promise of teenager Queenslanders Tim Horan.

Lawton, who lost his state place to Mark McBain when he declined to tour South America with Queensland earlier this year, has been on the reserves' bench for much of the season.

Lawton, Australia's number one hooker for five years, will be partnered by props Mark Hartill and Ewen McKenzie. The Test side is expected to have an all-Queensland front row of hooker McBain plus Dan Crowley and Cameron Lillie.

The make-up of Australia B's backline also indicates Greg Martin will take over from Andrew Leeds, now defected to Rugby League, at fullback. But the make-up of the crucial centres partnership remains unsure.

Martin's only rival, David Knox, is named for the Melbourne match with Brad Girvan and Dominic Maguire, both considered outsiders for Test spots, in the centre.

Queensland's Peter Slattery can consider himself unlucky to be named reserve scrumhalf for the game behind Brad Burke.

Slattery is reckoned by many to be on a par with Australian captain Nick Farr-Jones after a tremendous season.

But the selectors may be keeping him fresh for the June 17 game between Queensland and the Lions after Queensland coach John Connolly asked that key players be left out of the Australia B side if possible.

Australian coach Bob Dwyer has named Steve Tynman at number eight for the game and Scott Gouley at flank-forward.

A strong game for either would strengthen their claims to selection for the first Test in Sydney on July 1.

Kingdom wins 110m hurdles at Irvine meet

IRVINE, Calif., June 5, (Reuters): US Olympic champion Roger Kingdom easily won the men's 110-metre hurdles at the Irvine Elite Track Classic yesterday, but said he was unhappy with his pace.

"I'm a little disappointed," Kingdom said. "I didn't run as fast as I wanted to," he said.

Kingdom, twice the Olympic 110-metre hurdles gold medalist, turned in a time of 13.35 seconds.

Cuban Ana Quirot handily won her second 400 metres race in two days at 50.45 seconds, staying far in front of the other runners. On Saturday she took the 400 metres at the Prefontaine meet in Oregon with a time of 50.14 seconds.

Despite a tiring early-morning trip from Oregon, Quirot said she was never worried during yesterday's race.

Quirot's compatriot Roberto Hernandez took the men's 400 metres at 45.89 seconds.

Cubans dominated the discus competition. Luis Deliz won with a throw of 65.44 metres (214 feet eight inches), and Juan Martinez took second at 65.18 metres (213 feet 10 inches).

Evelyn Ashford, a three-time US Olympian in the 100 metres, won that event with a time of 11.27 seconds.

Jamaican Grace Jackson outran

Nigeria's Tina Iheagwam to win the women's 200 metres at 22.75 seconds.

New Zealander Roger Tepuni won the men's high jump at 2.15 metres (seven feet 3/4 inches), and compatriot Willie Hinchcliff took the long jump at 7.55 metres (24 feet 9 1/4 inches).

Canada's Coralie Brown won the women's high jump at 1.85 metres (six feet 3/4 inches).

Prost wins US Grand Prix

Senna fails to finish

PHOENIX, June 5, (Reuters): Frenchman Alain Prost moved ahead of McLaren team-mate Ayrton Senna in the World Drivers' Championship yesterday when he swept to a convincing victory in the United States Grand Prix motor race.

Prost, overwhelmed by Senna throughout qualifying, took full advantage of the Brazilian's misfortunes with electrical problems to take the lead after 34 laps of the 75-lap race on the sun-scorched streets of Phoenix.

With the rest of the field already trailing by more than 40 seconds and many cars forced to retire, Prost was able to enjoy an unchallenged run to the flag and his first win of the season.

The race, the first Grand Prix in Phoenix, was reduced from the scheduled 81-lap distance by Formula One's two-hour race limit.

Prost finished the 284.846-kms (177 miles) in a time of two hours, one minute and 33.133 seconds at an average speed of 140.604 kph (87.370 mph).

Italian Riccardo Patrese, in a Williams, was second to lead home Prost's eight surviving challengers at the finish of a gruelling race in temperatures hovering around 38 degrees Centigrade (100 degrees Fahrenheit).

Phoenix-born American Eddie Cheever, in an Arrows, was third, and West German Christian Danner, in a Rial,



Prost (left) showers spectators with champagne. Right: Prost stays ahead of Senna during the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



Prost (left) showers spectators with champagne. Right: Prost stays ahead of Senna during the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

fourth, his best result in Formula One.

British Johnny Herbert finished fifth in a Benetton and Belgian Thierry Boutsen sixth in the second Williams.

The win lifts Prost to 29 points in the race for the overall title ahead of defending world champion Senna who has 27. His triumph was his first in eight races since the Spanish Grand Prix last year.

The win increased Prost's record total of victories to 36 and was his first in the United States, ending Senna's sequence of three wins in Detroit.

Patrese, second for the second successive week, found impressive power with his Renault engine, holding off Cheever's late charge for second place.

Both Brabham's ran well in the early stages, but both Italian

Stefano Modena and Briton Martin Brundle were forced to retire after claiming fourth position.

Prost said: "This win will not change my decision — when take it — about my future. But I am happy about winning and leading the championship."

"This is a good result for me because it is very difficult racing against Ayrton in these conditions and when he has pole position."

Senna, winner of the last three races, led from his record 34th pole position but was passed by Prost shortly before making the first of two pit stops with electrical problems.

British Nigel Mansell made a strong challenge from the start but fell away before being forced to retire his Ferrari with gearbox trouble for the fourth successive race.

Jackson takes Reds past Padres

CINCINNATI, June 5, (AP): Danny Jackson took a pain killer for a sore big toe on his left foot, allowing him to push off the rubber with his foot and allow just eight hits and two earned runs to spur the Reds over San Diego Padres 5-3.

"It was a good pick-me-up game for me," said Jackson, 4-8. "Today I showed I'm back and they can expect good things from me as opposed to going out there and not knowing what's going to happen."

First baseman Jack Clark's wild throw home with the bases loaded let Cincinnati score two

runs to break a sixth-inning tie as the Reds won their fourth straight.

Ted Reds rallied for four runs in the sixth against Bruce Hurst, aided by Clark's two-run throwing error, to complete their three-game sweep of the Padres at Riverfront stadium since April 28-30, 1981.

Mets 4, Pirates 3

Pinch-hitter Mark Carreon led off the seventh inning with a tie-breaking home run and New York beat Pittsburgh for its fourth straight victory. Don

Aase, 1-1, pitched two scoreless innings for the victory.

Braves 6, Giants 3

Darrell Evans' three-run homer highlighted a four-run fifth-inning rally for the Braves to help rookie Derek Lilliquist and three Atlanta relievers to a 6-3 victory over San Francisco.

Cubs 11, Cardinals 3

Shawon Dunston and Ryne Sandberg each homered twice and Mitch Webster and Vance Law also connected as Chicago Cubs beat St. Louis in a game marred by a brief bench-clearing brawl.

Astros 7, Dodgers 6

Pitcher Mike Scott hit a

sacrifice fly in the 13th inning to give Houston a 7-6 victory over Los Angeles, sending the Astros to their 10th straight victory only hours after they beat the Dodgers in 22 innings.

Results

National League

Montreal 7, Pittsburgh 4

Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 3

San Diego 5, Kansas City 3

Chicago 11, St. Louis 3

Houston 7, Los Angeles 6

American League

Toronto 13, Boston 11

Baltimore 7, Detroit 4

Chicago 12, Minnesota 1

New York 12, Milwaukee 9

California 5, Texas 2

Seattle 4, Cleveland 0

Sheehan beats Okamoto in playoff

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 5, (Reuters): American Patty Sheehan beat Ayako Okamoto of Japan on the first playoff hole to win her 20th career LPGA title at the \$300,000 Rochester International golf tournament on Sunday.

Sheehan came from behind to tie Okamoto with a one-under-par 71 at the end of regulation play over the 6,162-yard course and after Okamoto missed a six-foot putt for a bogey dropped a two footer to win.

On the par four first playoff hole, Okamoto hit her second shot short of the green. Sheehan hit a five iron past the hole into the back fringe of the green. Okamoto chipped to about six feet from the hole and Sheehan putted off of the fringe to about two feet from the hole. Okamoto missed, but Sheehan did

not to win the \$45,000 first place prize.

Americans Sherri Turner, with a final round 72, and Nancy Lopez with a 66 were runners up.

Sheehan had two bogeys and one birdie to make the turn at eight-under-par. She began the day one stroke off Turner. Okamoto parred only three holes on the front side.

Sheehan fell behind Okamoto, who posted four consecutive birdies on holes 10-13 to get to 10-under-par and take a one-stroke lead over Turner who was at nine-under.

Turner, who was nine-under at the turn, bogeyed holes 13 and 16 to turn to seven-under. She birdied the 17th hole to get to eight-under and a tie for third with Lopez.

Byrum scores 5-shot victory

POTOMAC, Md., June 5, (Reuters): American Tom Byrum won the \$900,000 Potomac golf tournament, his first tour title, by five shots with a 72-hole score of 16-under-par-268 yesterday, a record for the event.

Americans Tommy Armour III, Billy Ray Brown and Jim Thorpe finished tied for second at 11-under-par 273 and earned \$67,200 each.

Armour finished with an even-par 71 while Brown and Thorpe each closed fast with four-under-par 67s.

Geboers extends motocross lead

HUSKVARNA, Sweden, June 5, (Reuters): Belgian Erik Geboers extended his World Championship lead at the halfway point of the motocross season yesterday despite finishing only fourth and sixth in the two races of the Swedish 500 cc Grand Prix.

Geboers, two points ahead of Honda team-mate David Thorpe after yesterday's Finnish Grand Prix, stretched his advantage to five points.

Dutchman Kees van der Ven rode his KTM to victory in the first race ahead of Briton Kurt Nicol on a Kawasaki, while Jacky Martens of Luxembourg — another KTM rider — won the second ahead of Van der Ven.

Nashwan set to continue Arab classic domination

EPSON, England, June 5, (Reuters): The Maktoum family of Dubai underline their near monopoly of top European horse racing on Wednesday by capturing the one English classic to have eluded them — the English Derby.

This season alone, Sheikh Mohammed and his brother Hamdan Al Maktoum between them have captured all four classics run so far in England and Ireland.

On Wednesday Sheikh Mohammed relies on \$3.7 million purchase Warrshan (6-1 third favourite) while his brother has the 6-4 favourite Nashwan, winner of the English 2,000 Guineas.

Increased entry fees and the formidable reputations of Nashwan and second favourite Cacoethes could mean as few as 12 runners in the famous 12-furlong (2.4-km) test, the smallest field since 1970.

Cacoethes, backed recently from 4-1 to 2-1, looked every bit an Epsom prospect when lifting the Lingfield Derby trial last month.

Greek for "an itch to do something inadvisable," Cacoethes has enjoyed a trouble-free preparation, but Nashwan was the subject of a minor scare when he missed training on Saturday after losing a shoe.

Connections insist all is well but bookmakers eased the odds in the betting from 11-10.

Nashwan is trained by wheel-chair-bound Dick Hern, keen at the age of 68 to prove he is far from finished.

Hern has been at the centre of a controversial incident involving Britain's Queen Elizabeth for whom he has trained for 22 years.

The trainer was told he must leave the stables he leases from the Queen at the end of this season in favour of 41-year-old Willie Hastings-Bass.

Last month he was given a year's reprieve after accepting an earlier offer to share for a time.

But many felt that Hern, victim in the last five years of a hunting fall and a serious heart attack, had been poorly treated.

The Major, as he is widely known, preferred to let his horses do the talking and the impressive Nashwan spoke with forceful eloquence when capturing the Guineas.

Nashwan's jockey Willie Carson has won the Derby twice, both times for Hern, with Troy in 1979 and Henbit the following year.

Greville Starkey, partner of Cacoethes, triumphed in 1978 on Shirley Heights. But he is remembered more for being beaten half a length by Dancing Brave in 1986 when possibly the itch to do something inadvisable, and leave his effort too late, proved too much.

If Cacoethes falters, a Hern one-two is quite possible.

The trainer also saddles 8-1 fourth favourite Prince of Dance, a spare ride for Steve Cauthen.

Warrshan, the mount of Walter Swinburn, was well beaten by Old Vic earlier in the season but was said to need more time.

Old Vic makes history

PARIS, June 5, (Reuters): Old Vic made horse racing history at Chantilly yesterday when he became the first English-trained colt to win the Prix du Jockey club (French Derby).

He did it in the most convincing style possible, beating Dancahell, ridden by Cash Asmusen, by seven lengths. The favourite Galletto, the mount of Eric Legrix, was another eight lengths away in third place.

Old Vic's victory was the first success in the 12 furlongs (2.4-km) race for jockey Steve Cauthen and for owner Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai.

Trained at Newmarket by Henry Cecil, Old Vic stole a 10 lengths lead soon after turning into the straight and none of his rivals could get near him.

Unbeaten in three races previously this year, Old Vic opened at a generous looking 14-1 in the betting but the substantial contingent of British horse racing fans at the track forced him swiftly into fourth favourite at odds of around 9-2.

Their judgement proved accurate, as Old Vic, who took up the running after the first 200 metres, turned out to be one of

the easiest winners in the 147 years of the French Derby.

Outsiders Atakad and Elmayer kept Cauthen and Old Vic company for the first half of the race with Miserden, the mount of English champion Pat Eddery, tracking them in fourth place just ahead of Galletto.

But turning into the straight, Cauthen quickly opened up a decisive gap. Miserden and Eddery set off in pursuit but their effort soon petered out.

Asmusen moved Galletto into top gear but it was clear from at least two furlongs (400 metres) that Old Vic would not be caught.

Cecil said the winner would now be aimed at the Irish Derby and then at the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in July.

Cauthen said: "Even after such a fantastic victory I don't think he would have finished better than second or third in the Epsom Derby."

Previously to Chantilly, Old Vic easily beat Warrshan at Chester and bookmakers thought yesterday's run advertised the prospects of Warrshan for the English equivalent.

Faldo lives for winning golf tournaments

31-year-old Briton now No. 2 in the world

WOBBURN, England, June 5, (Reuters): "This is the whole purpose of my life, to come out and win golf tournaments. That's my dream."

With that statement, Nick Faldo distilled the essence of the single-minded dedication that is making him the finest golfer in the world.

After six days during which he lined at 10 Downing Street and met US President George Bush, attended an Elton John concert and met the singer, and won the British PGA and Masters titles, Faldo was asked which meant most to him.

In the flash of his reply, Faldo revealed the top priority in his life.

The tall, 31-year-old British golfer had just completed two notable doubles, taking the two British titles and adding this Masters crown to the US version won in April.

His 21-under-par total of 267, 7 rounds of 71-65-65-66, shattered the previous winning best of the event by six shots and posted him one position to number two in the world rankings, behind absent Spaniard Jose Ballesteros.



Faldo, has made golf his top priority

king about becoming number one. "I still feel there are half a dozen guys who, if you could get them together, a different one would win every week," he said.

But the man in the best position to judge Faldo, final round playing partner Ronan Rafferty of Northern Ireland, who finished four shots back in second

place, feels Faldo is the best now. "In the last two weeks I have played with Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer, Seve and Nick, and Nick is ahead of them all," Rafferty said.

"He might not be quite the shot-maker that Seve is, but he is the best in the world at getting around a golf course well, at thinking his way through 18 holes. He is the best player in the world, comfortably."

Faldo said he has played better from tee to green than he did here. "But the difference was that I holed the putts."

"The greens here were very true. If you read the putts right and hit them there, they went there," he said.

"My putting suddenly came right over the last two weeks. I have got a better rhythm to the stroke. I know why the stroke is working well but I have to keep working on it. I spent yonks (ages) fine-tuning it, working on alignment and stance."

The secret of playing well is knowing why you are playing well so you can call on it."

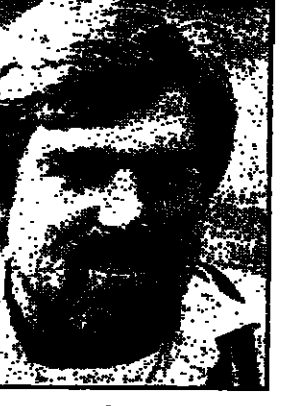
Second eight times last year as he struggled to work through his putting problems, Faldo, who won his first major at the 1987 British Open, has already won more titles this year than he did in all of 1988, when his only successes were at the French Open and the Volvo Masters in Spain.

Now Faldo aims for the second leg of the grand slam, the US Open at Oak Hill, Rochester, New York, from June 15 to 18.

He lost that tournament last year in a play-off against American Curtis Strange.

"If I can keep this roll going, maybe I'll get both hands on the trophy this time," he said. "The US Open will be a much harder battle. I will have to prepare myself for everything."

His preparation will be done in England, with Leadbetter staying to help him during the coming week.



Mike Gatting



Graham Rose



James Whitaker

Gatting gets tie for Middlesex

LONDON, June 5, (Reuters): Former England captain Mike Gatting, battling with a fractured left thumb, helped Middlesex to a last-ball tie against Hampshire in their Sunday League match at Lord's.

Gatting, who injured his thumb taking a spectacular slip catch to dismiss David Turner, came out to bat with eight wickets down as Middlesex struggled to reach Hampshire's 40-over total of 138.

He put on 10 runs with Angus Fraser, including six off the last over, and scrambled a bye off the last ball.

Somerset pair Neil Burns and Gary Palmer also scrambled a bye off the final ball to earn their side a three-wicket win over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

But the hero of Somerset's first Sunday success of the season was big-hitting all-rounder Graham Rose, who included three towering sixes in an explosive innings of 30.

Rose put on 55 in only seven overs with Burns after Notts, who made 183 for seven, had looked in firm control.

Lancashire wasted the opportunity to dislodge Essex at the top of the table and had England pace bowler Phillip DeFreitas warned for intimidatory bowling as they were crushed by seven wickets by Leicestershire at Leicester.

James Whitaker hit a fine

ROBIN SMITH was drafted into England's squad for the first Test against Australia after Gatting fractured his thumb.

Ted Dexter, chairman of the England selectors, said he made the decision "as a precaution." He said Gatting, the former England captain, had not ruled himself out of the Test beginning at Headingley, Leeds, on Thursday.

Hampshire batsman Smith played in last week's one-day series against the Australians.

unbeaten 48 to see Leicestershire past Lancashire's 149 for nine.

Results

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Glamorgan by 143 runs. Worcestershire 262 for four innings closed (J. Botham 70, G. Hick 50, P. Neale 49 not out, T. Curtis 47). Glamorgan 119 in 27.2 overs (S. Barwick 48 not out; P. Newport 40 for 18, I. Botham three for 31). Worcester three for 11.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Sussex by six wickets. Sussex 165 for five innings closed (T. Pigott 49 not out, T. Dodemaide 40 not out). Warwickshire 169 for four in 38.3 overs (A. Kalli-charran 66). Warwickshire four points.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Surrey by 42 runs. Northamptonshire 201 for four innings closed (R. Bailey 106 out, W. Larkins 63). Surrey 159 for nine innings closed (G. Clinton 56).

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Lancashire by seven wickets. Lancashire 149 for nine innings closed (J. Agnew three

for 31). Leicestershire 152 for three in 38.2 overs (J. Whitaker 48 not out).

At Lord's Middlesex tied with Hampshire. Hampshire 138 in 38.4 overs (S. Hughes four for 20, N. Cowans three for six). Middlesex 138 for eight innings closed (D. Haynes 52).

At Trent Bridge: Somerset beat Nottinghamshire by three wickets. Nottinghamshire 183 for seven innings closed (D. Randall 63, P. Johnson 41). Somerset 184 for seven innings closed.

Standings

Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (a table underplayed, won, lost, tied, no result, points):

Essex	6	0	0	24
Lancashire	7	5	1	22
Northants	5	4	0	18
Surrey	7	4	3	16
Middlesex	6	3	2	14
Hampshire	6	3	2	14
Warwickshire	5	2	2	10
Leicestershire	5	2	3	10
Worcestershire	5	2	3	10
Kent	5	2	3	8
Yorkshire	5	2	3	8
Derbyshire	4	1	2	6
Somerset	5	1	3	6
Sussex	5	1	3	6
Notts	5	1	3	6
Gloucester	5	1	4	4
Glamorgan	5	0	4	2

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lyall sacked

LONDON, June 5, (UPI): The soccer world in England was reeling today following the surprise sacking of John Lyall, whose 33-year reign with West Ham is the longest in the English Football League.

The club, which was relegated to division 2 at the end of this season, decided not to renew Lyall's contract after a meeting of the board of directors.

US triumph

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., June 5, (Reuters): The United States, struggling to qualify for next year's World Cup finals, turned in a world-class display of goal-scoring yesterday to demolish Peru 3-0 in the final of a four-team competition.

Stage cancelled

TRENTO, Italy, June 5, (AP): Snowfalls and subfreezing temperatures today forced cancellation of the much-feared 16th stage of the Italian Cycling Tour, a 205-kilometre ride through four mountain passes.

Match postponed

ZURICH, June 5, (Reuters): The International Football Federation (FIFA) agreed today to a request from Iran for the postponement of their two World Cup soccer qualifying ties against China scheduled for this month.

Dennis Conner

SAN DIEGO, June 5, (UPI): Team Dennis Conner was pronounced open for business yesterday, as the three-time America's Cup skipper confirmed he would race in the next Cup regatta if it is in San Diego or New Zealand.

Scottish players

EDINBURGH, June 5, (Reuters): Scotland reaffirmed its decision today to clear the way for its rugby union players to tour South Africa as members of a world team.

8,797th win

DIELSDORF, Switzerland, June 5, (Reuters): Veteran American jockey Willie Shoemaker, riding a horse called Gnome's Judgement, notched the 8,797th win of his career yesterday to the delight of a record 11,000 crowd at a race meeting near Zurich.

Milk Race

BLACKPOOL, England, June 5, (AP): The French 2-Peugeot squad won a team time trial yesterday at the midway point of the Milk Race cycling event, allowing team leader Olaf Lurvik of Norway to take the overall leadership.

Games candidate

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 5, (Reuters): The executive board of the US Olympic Committee yesterday chose Salt Lake City, Utah, as the Americans' candidate to host the 1998 Winter Olympic Games.

Indy-car race

MILWAUKEE, June 5, (AP): Rick Mears was spun, then blessed, by luck yesterday as he charged to victory in the Miller High Life 200 Indy-car race at State Fair Park.

First victory

DOVER, Delaware, June 5, (AP): Dale Earnhardt held off Mark Martin yesterday to win the \$506,000 Budweiser 500 NASCAR stock car race for his victory at Dover Downs International Speedway.

Dutch rider

OVIEDO, Spain, June 5, (AP): Dutch rider Gert Jan Theunisse won the 33rd Tour of Asturias cycling race which ended here yesterday. Theunisse won the first part of the two-part sixth and last leg.

Cycling event

OSLO, Norway, June 5, (AP): Roberta Bonanomi of Italy won the seven-leg, 543-kilometre (340 miles) Postgiri Norway cycling race for women, which concluded over the weekend.

Sanders Classic

HOUSTON, June 5, (AP): Second-year seniors professional Homero Blancas shot a 2-under-par 70 for a three-day total of 208 to win his first tournament of the Seniors Tour at the \$300,000 Doug Sanders Classic.

High jump

SOFIA, Bulgaria, June 5, (AP): World high jump record-holder Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria failed to break her own record yesterday, placing second to Soviet Natalia Golodnaya at the international IAAF invitational.

Cup qualifiers

SINGAPORE, June 5, (Reuters): Results of World Cup East Asia zone Group Four first round qualifying soccer matches today: South Korea 3 Malaysia 0 (half-time 0-0); Singapore 7 Nepal 0 (4-0).

Karpov, Timman and Yusupov share World Cup lead

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 5, (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union defeated Cuban grandmaster Jesus Nogueiras in second-round action to join Jan Timman of the Netherlands and Arthur Yusupov of the Soviet Union in the lead of the fifth World Cup chess tournament yesterday. Karpov, but for reigning world cham-

pion Gary Kasparov the strongest player in the international tournament arena, had an unexpectedly tough opponent in the Cuban, who ranks only 43rd on the rating list of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Most experts had the encounter chalked up as a win for Karpov. But Nogueiras played one of his best

games and managed to obtain a promising middlegame position from a French defence with black to unleash a fierce attack on white's queen's side.

To make matters worse, Karpov got into severe time trouble.

Some grandmasters were then predicting an upset, but Karpov weathered the storm and clinched victory at his 41st.

when Nogueiras' queen was completely hemmed in among white's defending pieces.

Yusupov had meanwhile settled for a half point with white against Britain's John Nunn after a theoretically interesting game from a king's Indian.

Nunn came up with an innovative line that seemed promising but soon resulted

in a dead-drawn position.

Play continued until the 26th, but the two grandmasters might just as well have stopped the clock ten moves earlier.

Timman barely escaped defeat at the hands of Hungary's Lajos Portisch in a queen's Indian with black but fought back with a pawn down to reach a theoretically drawn ending at his 58th.

Exhausted Chang eliminates Lendl

Agnor overcomes Bruguera

PARIS, June 5, (Reuters): Top seed and three-times title holder Ivan Lendl crashed out of the French Open tennis championships today, beaten by a 17-year-old opponent who barely had enough energy left to stagger from the court.

Fifteenth seeded American Michael Chang, looking like a boxer on his last legs as he battled through the final points of an exciting fourth-round match, came back from two sets down to knock out the world number one 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Lendl inexplicably failed to take advantage when Chang, after leveling to two sets all and going a break up in the fifth set, came close to collapse.

Serving feebly, barely able to move, relying almost exclusively on a double-fisted backhand and once resorting to an under-arm serve, Chang still managed to hold serve for a 5-3 lead and get to matchpoint where Lendl obliged with a double fault.

Chang, beaten in the third round here last year by John McEnroe, was in tears as he walked slowly from the centre court to a standing ovation.



Argentine Gabriela Sabatini (right) and West German Steffi Graf congratulate themselves after defeating Nicole Provis of Australia and Elena Reinach of South Africa 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 in the women's doubles at the French Open. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lendl, who had complained about the noisy crowd throughout the four hours 38 minutes of

the match and was penalised a point after a dispute with the umpire, declined to wait for his

young conqueror afterwards and walked straight from the court. The 28-year-old Cze-

choslovak, French Open champion in 1984, 1986 and 1987, was penalised for unsporting behaviour at 5-2 down in the fourth set when he argued fiercely with Australian umpire Richard Ings over a line call.

In the quarterfinals Chang will face Haitian Ronald Agnir, who himself came back from two sets down and overcame a painful stomach muscle injury to beat Spaniard Sergio Bruguera 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

The US-based Lendl, reigning Australian Open champion and three times US Open winner, had not gone out so early at Roland Garros since 1982.

He looked uncharacteristically patchy against Chang, ranked 19th in the world, in their first meeting in a tournament — although the American beat Lendl in an exhibition in April.

After Chang pulled level, winning the fourth set on serve after saving two breakpoints, Lendl retreated to the baseline to await the rapidly rising teenager's expected mistakes.

But the play was unsuccessful. Though Chang was clearly in trouble, taking frequent gulps of

water to stave off dehydration and choosing not to sit down during changeovers as his legs seized up, he was still able to resist heroically when it most mattered.

After two exchanges of service breaks, Chang pulled ahead to 4-3 in the fifth set, breaking Lendl again with a stunning forehand on the line.

Coming back from 15-30 down to hold serve in the next game, Chang broke Lendl to 15 in the closing game and the stadium erupted as he sank to the clay in relief.

Yesterday Jay Berger had reached the quarterfinals of the French Open.

The unseeded 22-year-old from Plantation, Florida, became the first US player to reach the round of eight when he beat France's Thierry Tulasne 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.

Berger had to contend with a packed centre court crowd wildly supporting the last French player in the tournament. Berger also faced a hostile crowd when he upset compatriot Jimmy Connors, a perennial favourite here, in the second round.

Lakers set to take on Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan, June 5, (AP): The 1989 NBA finals are just what Hollywood needs; another sequel.

The Detroit Pistons lost in seven games to Los Angeles last year when the Lakers became only the fifth team to rally from a 3-2 deficit in the finals and the first team in two decades to repeat.

Now the Lakers, a record 11-0 in the playoffs, are trying to become the first team to win three straight since Boston ended a run of eight straight 23 years ago.

"We thought we should have beaten them last year," says the Pistons' John Salley. "We still

feel we had the better team. Now we'll get another chance to prove ourselves. We're determined not to let this one slip away from us."

The best-of-7 series begins tomorrow night at the Palace with game 2 scheduled for Thursday. The series then shifts to the West Coast for three games and the final two, if necessary, would be back in the Detroit suburbs.

The Lakers are shooting for their third straight crown and their fourth in five years. Only three teams have won three consecutive NBA titles — the Minneapolis Lakers (1952 to 1954) and the Celtics (1959 to 1966).

"I really appreciate what those Celtic and Lakers teams have

done for all those years," says Detroit's Isiah Thomas. "It says a lot about those people."

But Lakers coach Pat Riley says the Lakers will have to concentrate on playing the Pistons rather than a third straight title. "It's a thought process more than anything," he says. "If you think that winning a championship is your main priority, you really miss out on the competition, the challenge."

"They are challenging us more than anyone else has ever challenged us. And you've got to want them more than they want you."

The Pistons finished with an NBA-best 63-19 record to earn

the home-court advantage. The Lakers were the best in the Western Conference with a 57-25 mark.

The Pistons beat the Lakers twice during the regular season, but both teams are different now. The Pistons beat the Lakers 102-99 on Nov. 26 at the Palace and 111-103 at the Forum on Feb. 14.

The next day, Adrian Dantley was traded to Dallas for Mark Aguirre.

Orlando Woolridge was ineffective in both regular-season meetings, but the Lakers have gotten better production out of the reserve in the last month.

Anderlecht win

BRUSSELS, June 5, (Reuters): Anderlecht retained the Belgian Cup when they beat Standard Liege 2-0 in yesterday's soccer final. Australian Ed Krncevic fired the holders ahead after 12 minutes and Yugoslav Milan Jankovic sealed their win with a 60th minute goal.

It was the seventh Belgian Cup triumph for Anderlecht, who were runners-up in the League, and a repeat of last year's final when they also beat Standard Liege 2-0.

Khalifa to take part in Scottish Rally

DUBAI: Making his first competitive appearance outside the Middle East, reigning UAE champion Sheikh Ahmed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum will compete in the European Championship Scottish Rally from June 10-12 at the wheel of a Mitsubishi Galant.

The 26-year-old fighter pilot will be among a line-up of 110 drivers — including many of Europe's top stars — in the tough 1,248-km event which includes 35 special stages totalling 328-km.

The Scottish Rally will be a complete new experience for Khalifa, chairman of Al Nasr Motor Sports Club. No practice is allowed and the competitors have only one opportunity to examine the route when they drive it in convoy.

With his main aims to gain experience and finish well in Group N — the class for cars less powerful than the leading Group A entries — Khalifa said: "The Scottish Rally has a reputation as one of the top events in the European Championship and I am looking forward to taking part."



Ahmed Khalifa

"The conditions will be new to me and I will be up against many of the best rally drivers in Europe, but it will be a great experience and it can only help me to improve as a driver."

Among the favourites in the rally will be leading Scottish driver Jimmy McRae in a Ford Sierra Cosworth, talented Welshman David Llewellin at the wheel of a Toyota Celica GT-4, and flying Finn Pentti Arikkala in a Mitsubishi Gallant VR-4.

Dive club ready to accept members

THE Qabazard Dive Club is now ready to accept members. Over the last two months an eight-person development committee has established a set of by-laws and proposed activities-benefits to be approved by the members.

The Qabazard Diving Club is a non-profit, non-commercial club engaging in social events and the exchange of experience and knowledge for amateur underwater enthusiasts. It will be organized and managed by the club members for the benefit of club members.

Membership is open to divers and non-divers, regardless of training agency affiliation. Any and all

certified divers and their families can join.

Benefits will include educational seminars, club newsletter, annual dinner dance, New Year's party, beach barbecues and local and international dive trips.

The Membership Enrollment and Social Night will be on Sunday June 11, 1989 at 7:00 pm. Members of the development committee will be on hand to answer questions in detail at that time.

The meeting will be held at the club headquarters, 1st floor, Qabazard Marine Equipment Company Building, Hamad Al-Mubarak Street, Salmiya. For further information Tel: 5746579, 9:30 am-12:30 pm and 4:30-9:00 pm.

Fan's death overshadows Milan's Cup party

Real falter but well on course for title

THE death of a fan in an attack outside Milan soccer stadium on Sunday overshadowed the Italian League and forced off celebrations to mark AC Milan's European Cup victory.

Antonio De Falchi, 18, was one of four Roma fans set upon by a group of about 30 youths at the gates of San Siro more than four hours before the start of the AC Milan-Roma game.

De Falchi, who was kicked and punched, was the sixth Italian soccer fan killed in violence in 10 years. At least three youths were detained for questioning but police said no one had yet been charged.

Soccer hooliganism is rare in Italy and the death sparked a wave of revulsion in the country, which will host the World Cup finals in one year's time.

AC Milan's match, which they won 4-1, was their first at home since their May 24 European Cup triumph but planned festivities turned to mourning.

A lap of honour was cancelled, fans watched the game without waving banners and flags and the match was preceded by one minute's silence.

"When we heard what happened we considered not playing," AC Milan defender Mauro Tassotti said. "But because we were certain true fans had nothing to do with this and because we feared suspending the match



Sanchez scored two goals for Real

could cause more problems we decided to play."

La Gazzetta Dello Sport, Italy's top sports newspaper, described De Falchi's killers as assassins.

"Only the mobilisation of ordinary people, of the many who still love soccer and don't want it

to become a refuge for the scum of the earth, can save what was a joyous way of being together," it said.

"Internazionale of Milan, already League champions, iced the cake with a 3-1 victory against Rome's other club, Lazio, and with places in Europe

next season, virtually decided attention switched to the battle against relegation.

Three teams go down when the season ends on June 25 and they could include Torino, third from bottom just in front of Como and Pisa.

Torino, once the greatest side of Italian soccer, struggled to hold Ascoli 1-1 at home and are away to Como next week. If Torino go down, it will be their first season in the Second Division since 1959.

Real Madrid, the Spanish League title virtually in their grasp for the fourth season running, were saved from an embarrassing end-of-season upset against lowly Malaga yesterday by two goals from Mexican star striker Hugo Sanchez.

Match-weary after a long domestic and European campaign, Real drew 2-2 thanks to a pile-driving Sanchez free kick in the 69th minute.

The away draw left their four points clear of arch-rivals Barcelona, whose hopes of an end-of-season push to put pressure on Real floundered on Saturday when they drew 1-1 at Seville.

Real coach Leo Benhakker was less than impressed with his side's commitment. "I have to recognise my team looked rather relaxed, and that's not something I like," he said.

Benhakker said their match

against relegation-troubled Espanol at home next weekend should clinch the title.

"We need two points. We are going to try and win against Espanol next week, but to beat them we'll have to play better than we did here."

Sanchez was already clamping at the bit. "I scored twice because we are in a hurry to win the championship. I want the title settled now," he said.

Bayern Munich are already making plans for next season's League and European campaigns after moving within one point of securing the West German title with a 5-0 rout of Bayer Uerdingen.

The Bavarians need only to draw one of their last two games to hold off second-placed Cologne. Despite Saturday's five-goal rout, coach Jupp Heynckes is eager to sign a new striker.

Top of his shopping list is Scottish striker Alan McInally of English First Division side Aston Villa. "I want him. He is dynamic player who goes for goals," he said.

Bayern manager Uli Hoeness said he would be contacting the Birmingham club on Monday to talk about a transfer fee.

Last year's champions Werder Bremen secured a place in the UEFA Cup with a 2-0 win over lowly Eintracht Frankfurt. (Reuters)



Careca signs new contract

Careca to stay with Napoli

NAPOLI, Italy, June 5, (Reuters): Brazilian World Cup striker Careca has signed a new contract which will keep him at Italian UEFA Cup winners Napoli until 1993.

The announcement marked a major coup for Napoli on a weekend when French soccer champions Marseille confirmed they were trying to lure Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona away from the club. Maradona has said he will not leave Napoli.

"When other people are thinking of saying and writing that Maradona is leaving, we take action," Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino said last night. "Careca is staying with us because Napoli is determined to preserve its soccer heritage."

Careca, the Italian League's top foreign scorer with 19 goals, joined Napoli in 1987 from Sao Paulo and had extended his contract earlier this season until 1991. The further extension will keep him at the club until 1993, Ferlaino said.

Careca missed yesterday's 1-1 League draw with Sampdoria because of suspected German measles, losing a chance to overtake Aldo Serena of champions Internazionale as League top scorer. Serena has 20 goals. Maradona, who is also bound to Napoli until 1993, has denied he intends to leave but confirmed that Marseille sporting director Michel Hidalgo approached him.

Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi, who has had a troubled relationship with Maradona and announced before the UEFA Cup final that he wanted to leave, also confirmed he was staying.